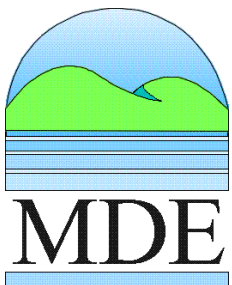


Baltimore Harbor and Back River Nutrients TMDLs

December 17, 2003

Stakeholders Advisory Group



Baltimore Harbor and Back River Modeling Framework

- Watershed Model - HSPF
 - MDE Model used Patapsco/Back
 - CBP Model used for Upper Bay
- Hydrodynamic Model - CH3D
- Water Quality Model - CE-QUAL-ICM
- Sediment Fluxes - Chesapeake Bay Sediment Flux Model



Review Update

- Reviewed by State Agencies, Baltimore County and Baltimore City
- Reviewed by Chesapeake Bay Program Modeling Subcommittee
- Reviewed by SAG Modeling Technical Group

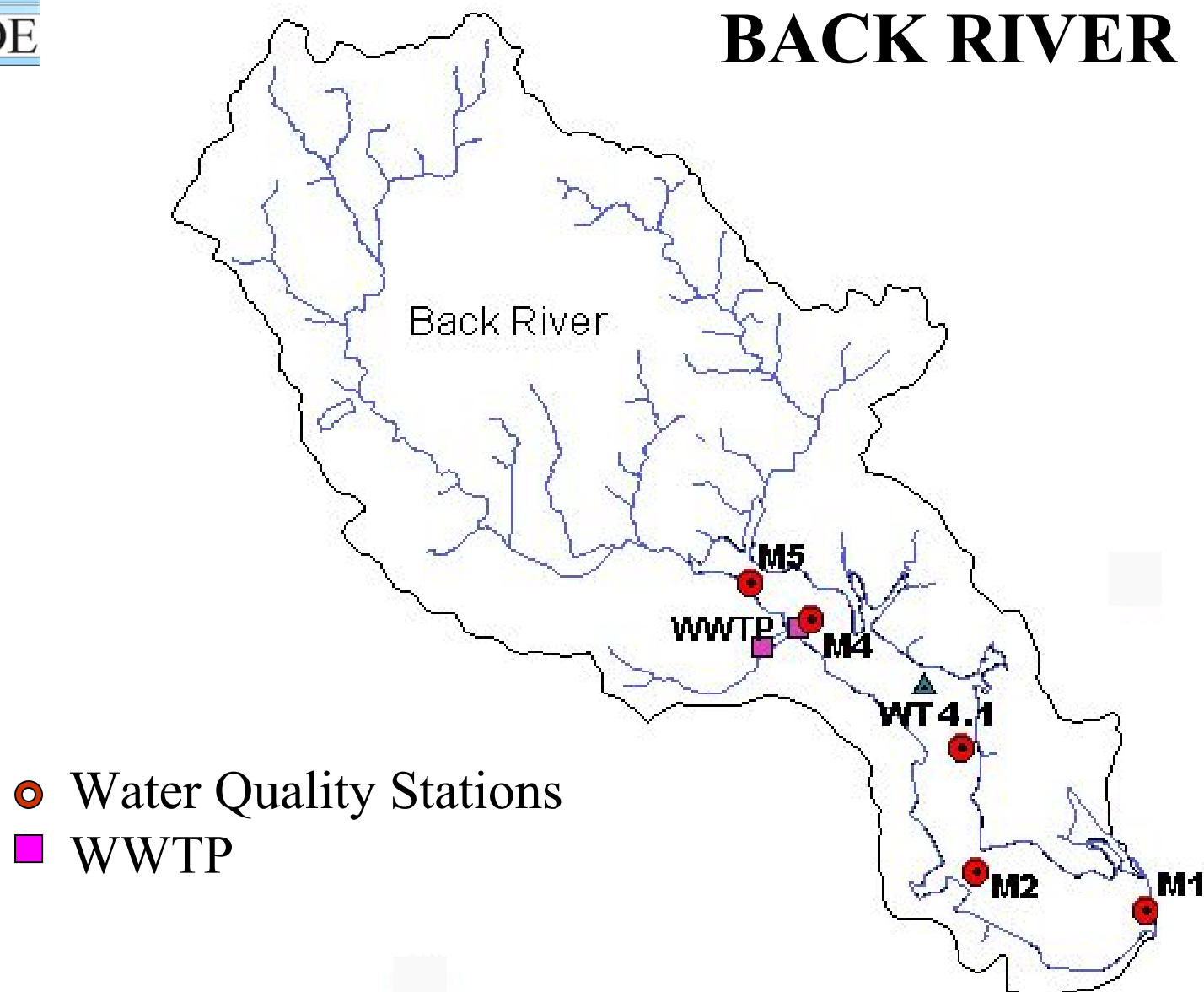


Proposed Endpoints

- DO
 - Adapt CBP proposed Designated Uses and Criteria.
- Chlorophyll *a*
 - Adapt CBP proposed narrative Criteria
 - MDE Quantifying Interpretation of the Narrative Criteria: Chla < 50 µg/L.



BACK RIVER





Baltimore Harbor and Back River Proposed Quantifying Interpretation of CBP Chlorophyll *a* Narrative Criteria

- MDE will be adapting proposed CBP narrative Chla criteria to be implemented by existing Chla guidelines.
- Existing MDE Guidelines: Chla < 50 µg/L.
- Eutrophication model will be used to check Chla levels when DO reaches attainment.
- Using Chla rolling monthly average for attainment comparison.



Back River

Proposed Designated Uses and DO Endpoint

	Feb 1 – May 31	June 1 – Jan 31
Back River	Migratory Fish	Open Water

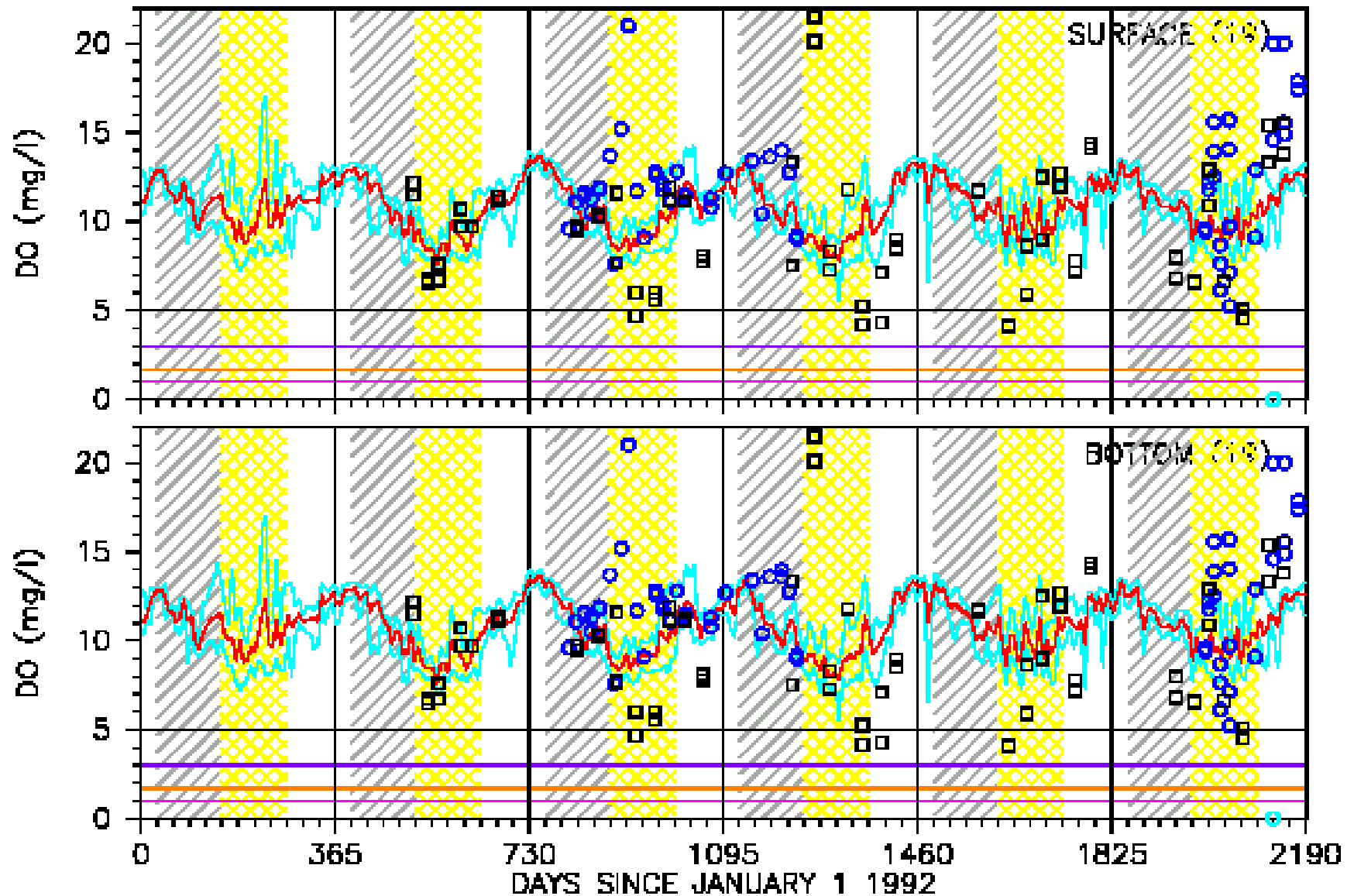
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MF			5.0
OW	5.0	4.0	1.7



BACK RIVER MDE CALIBRATION

M05(BR1)

DO Time Series

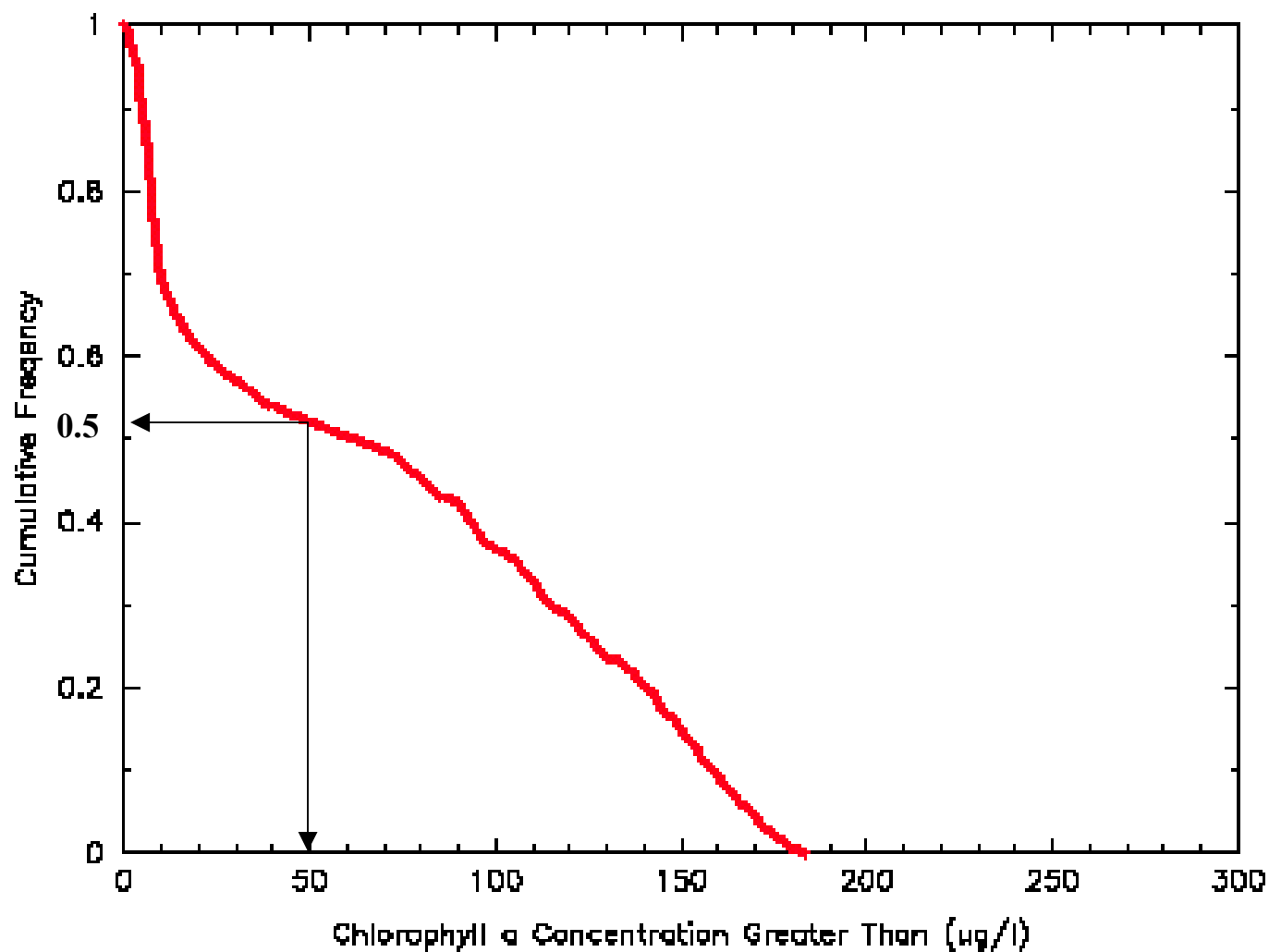




BACK RIVER MDE CALIBRATION

Station WT4.1

Chlorophyll *a* Cumulative Frequency

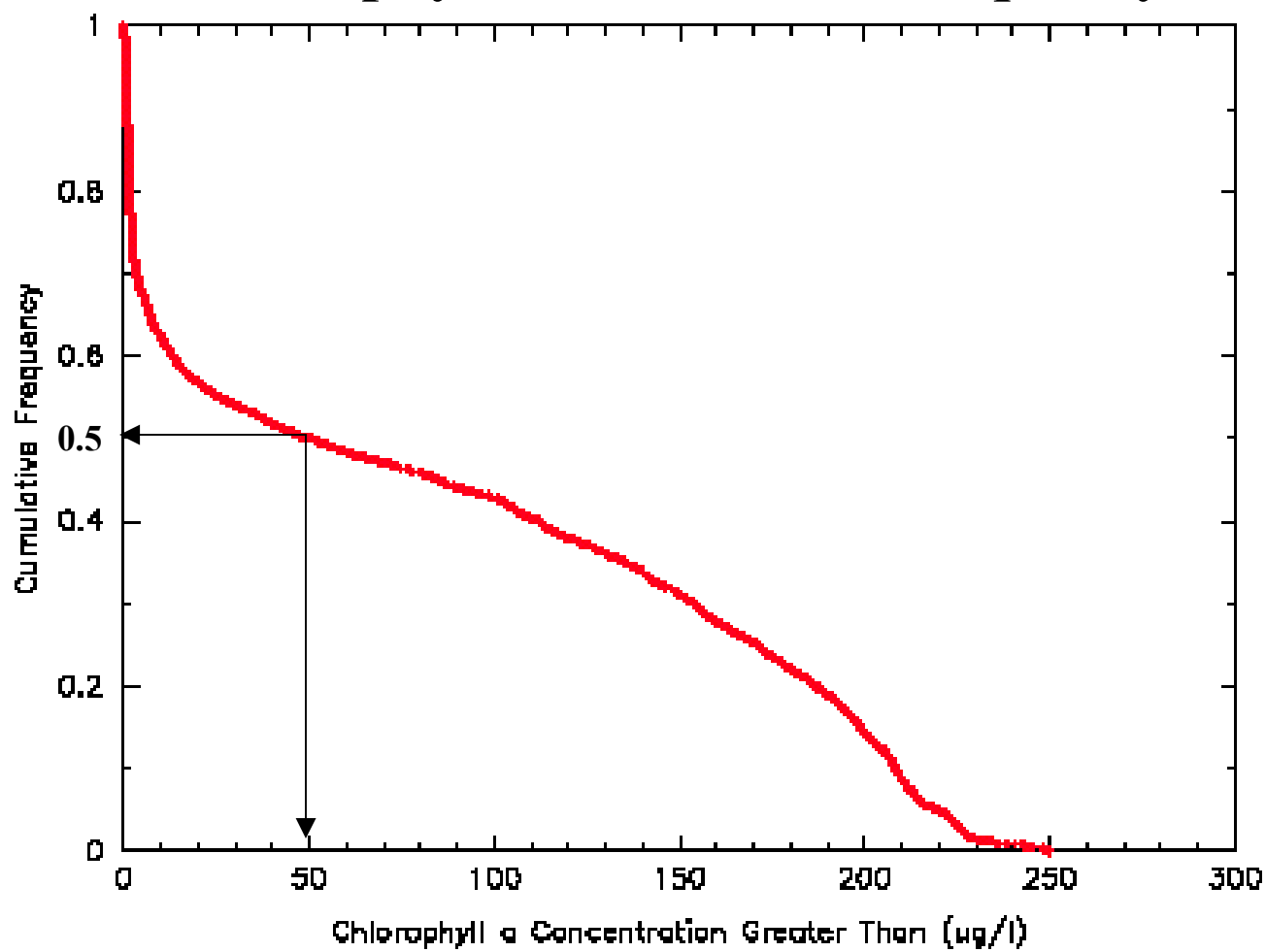




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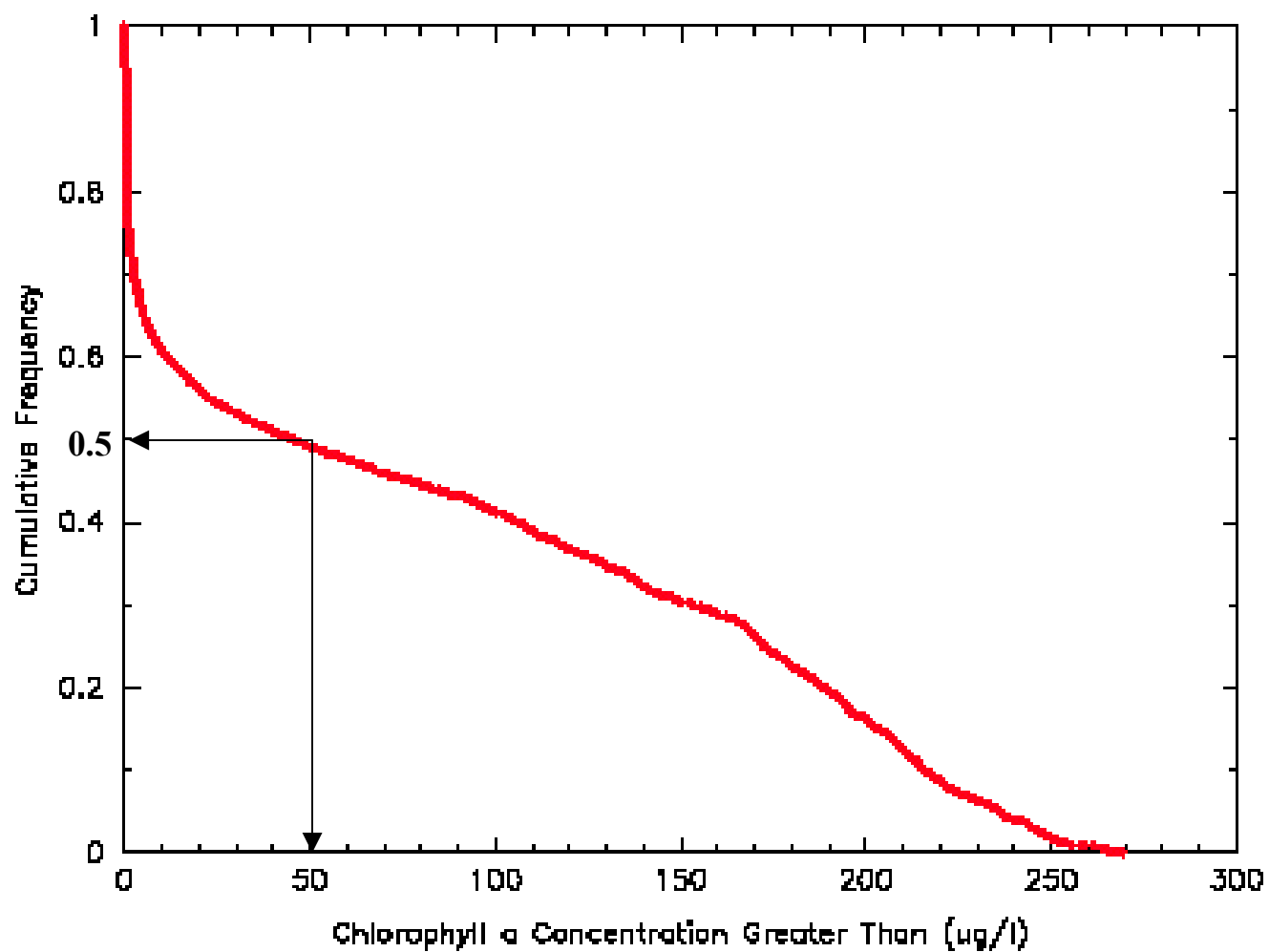




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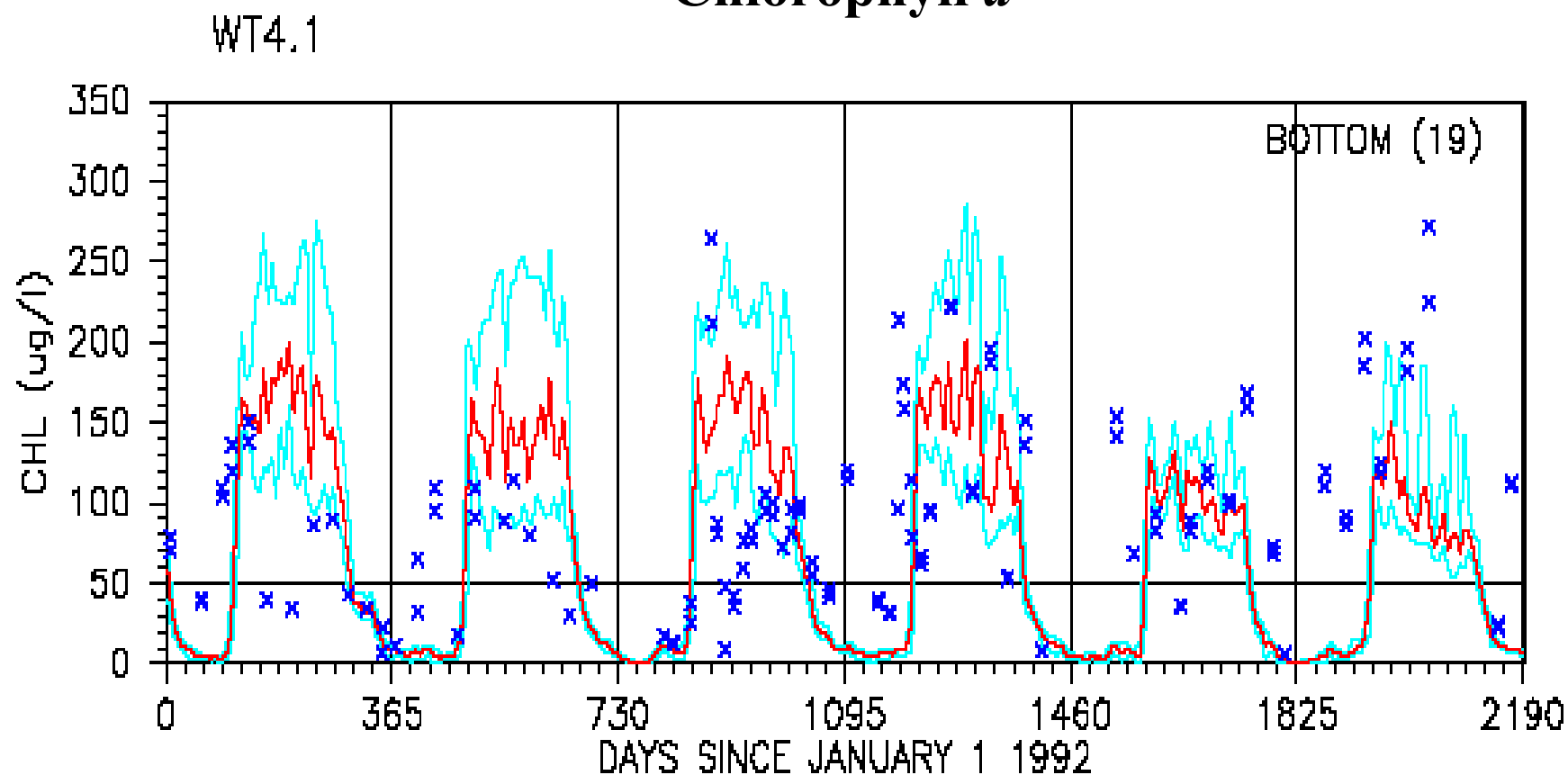




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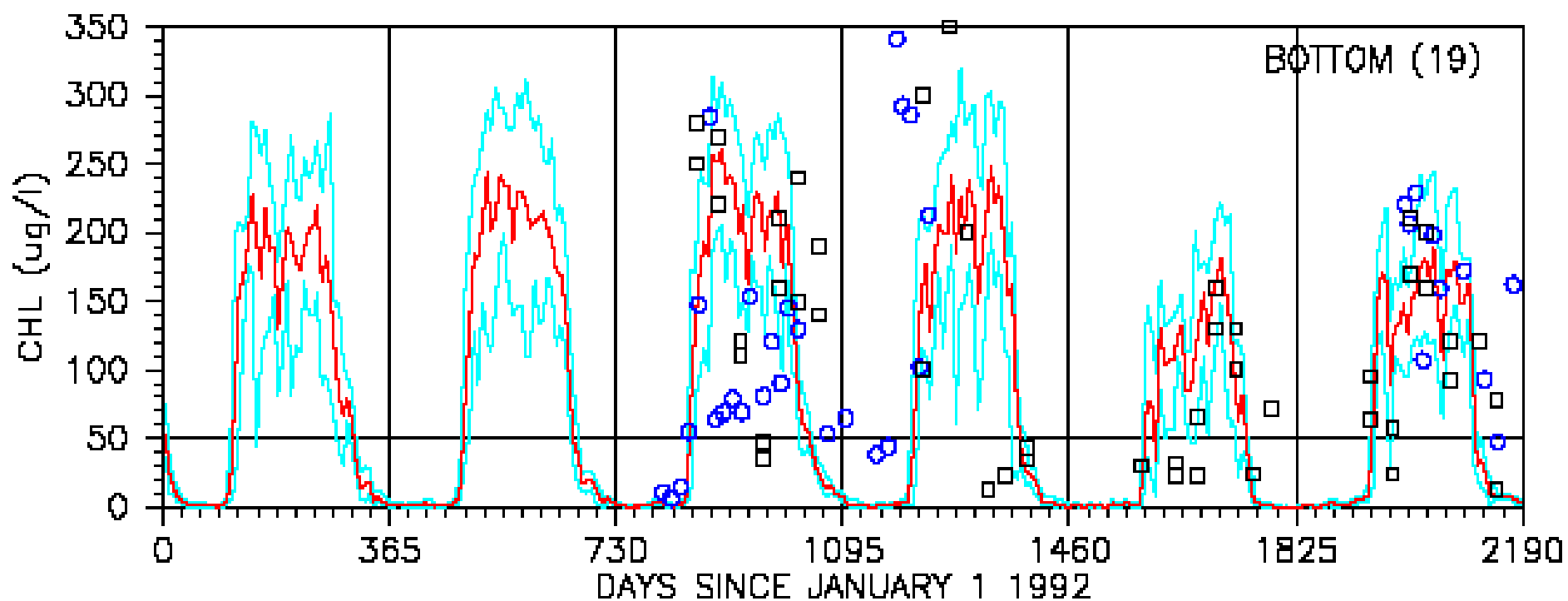




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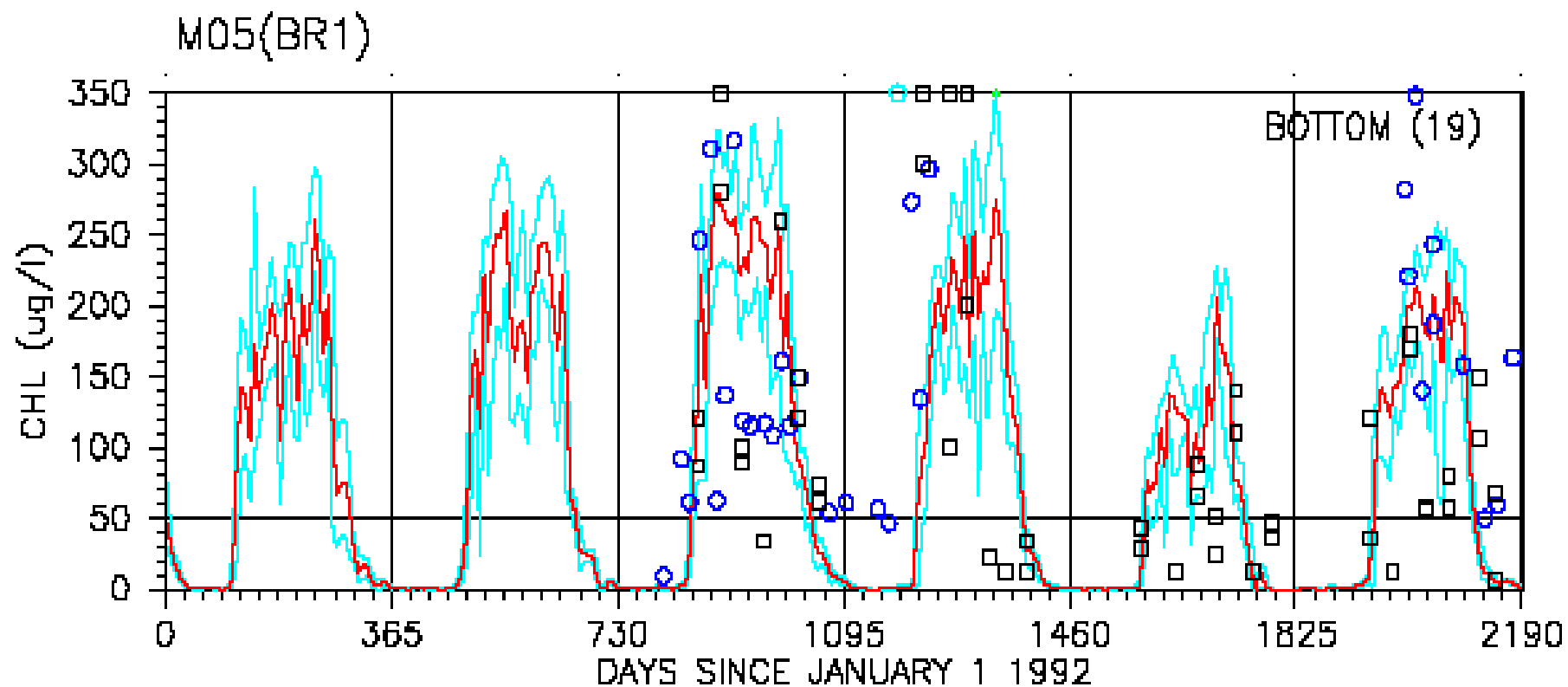
M04(BR2)





BACK RIVER MDE CALIBRATION

Station M05 Chlorophyll *a*





Impairment Summary

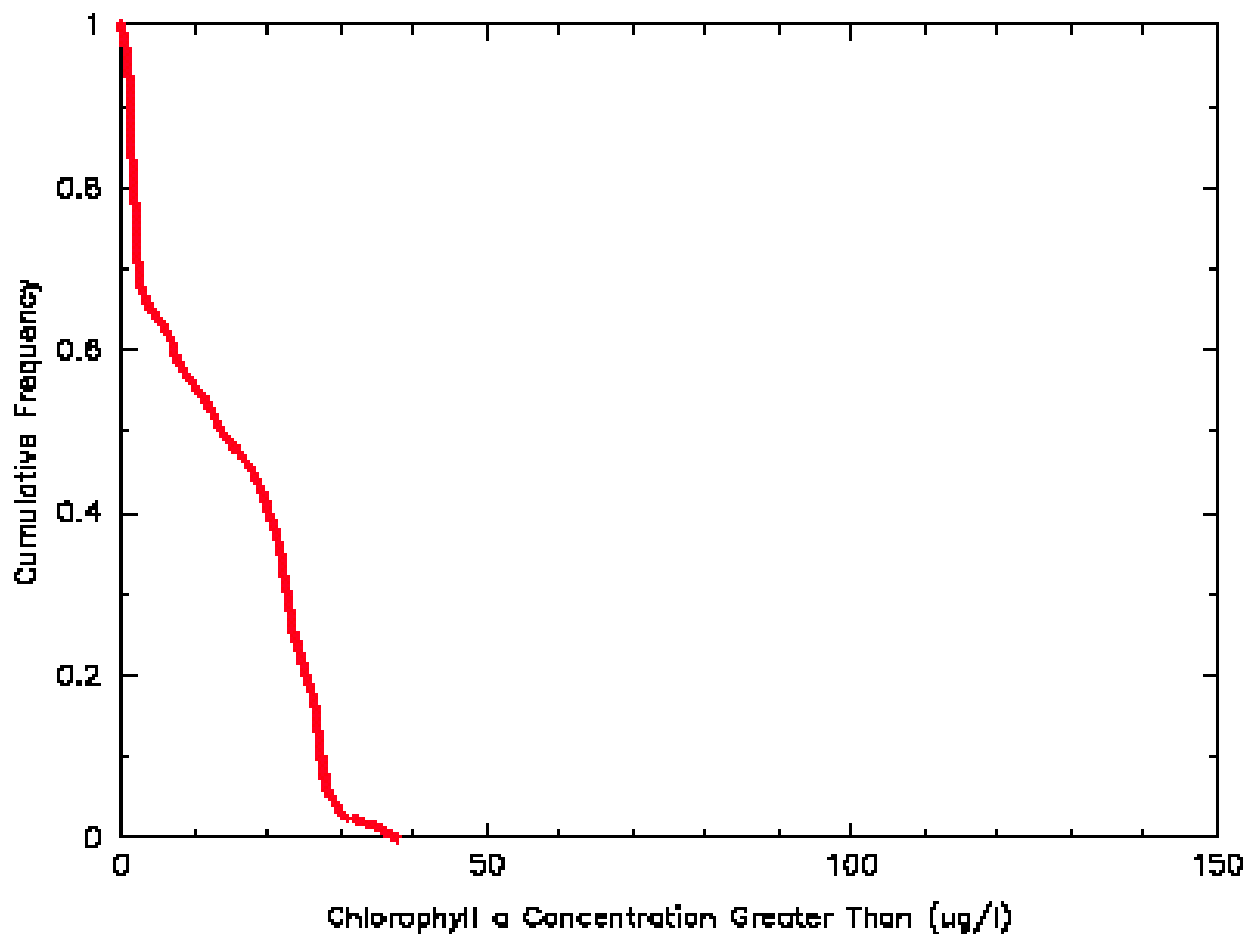
- Back River is impaired by high Chlorophyll *a*
- There is no DO impairment



BACK RIVER CBP ALLOCATION

Station M04

Chlorophyll *a* Cumulative Frequency

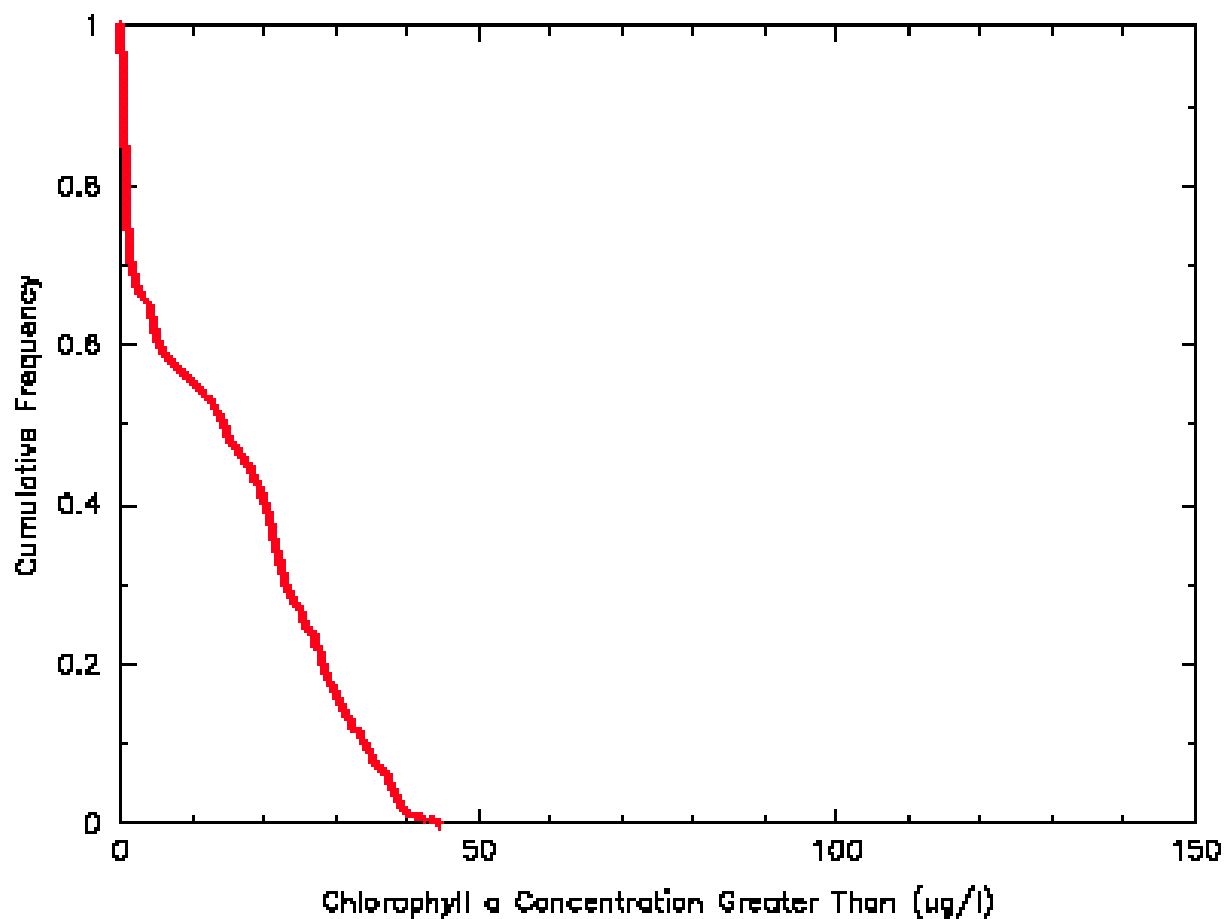




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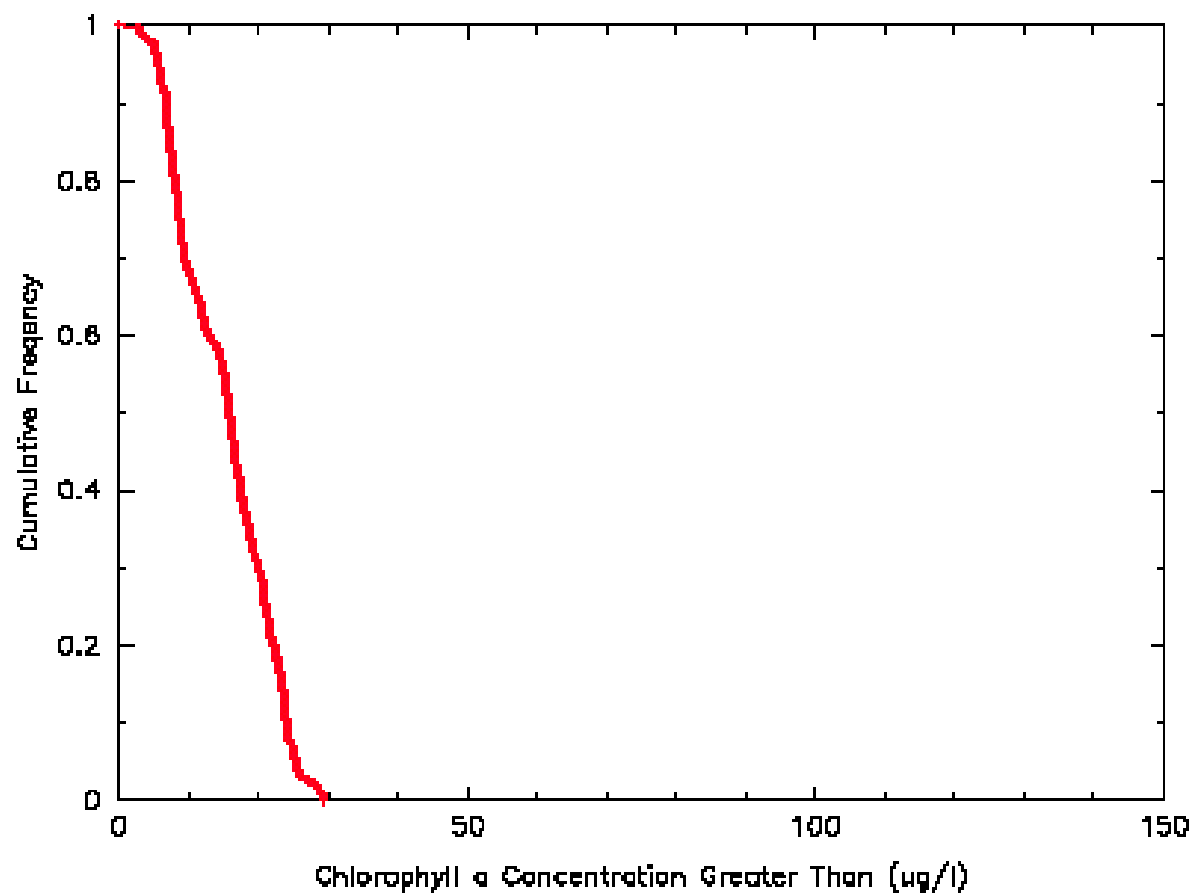




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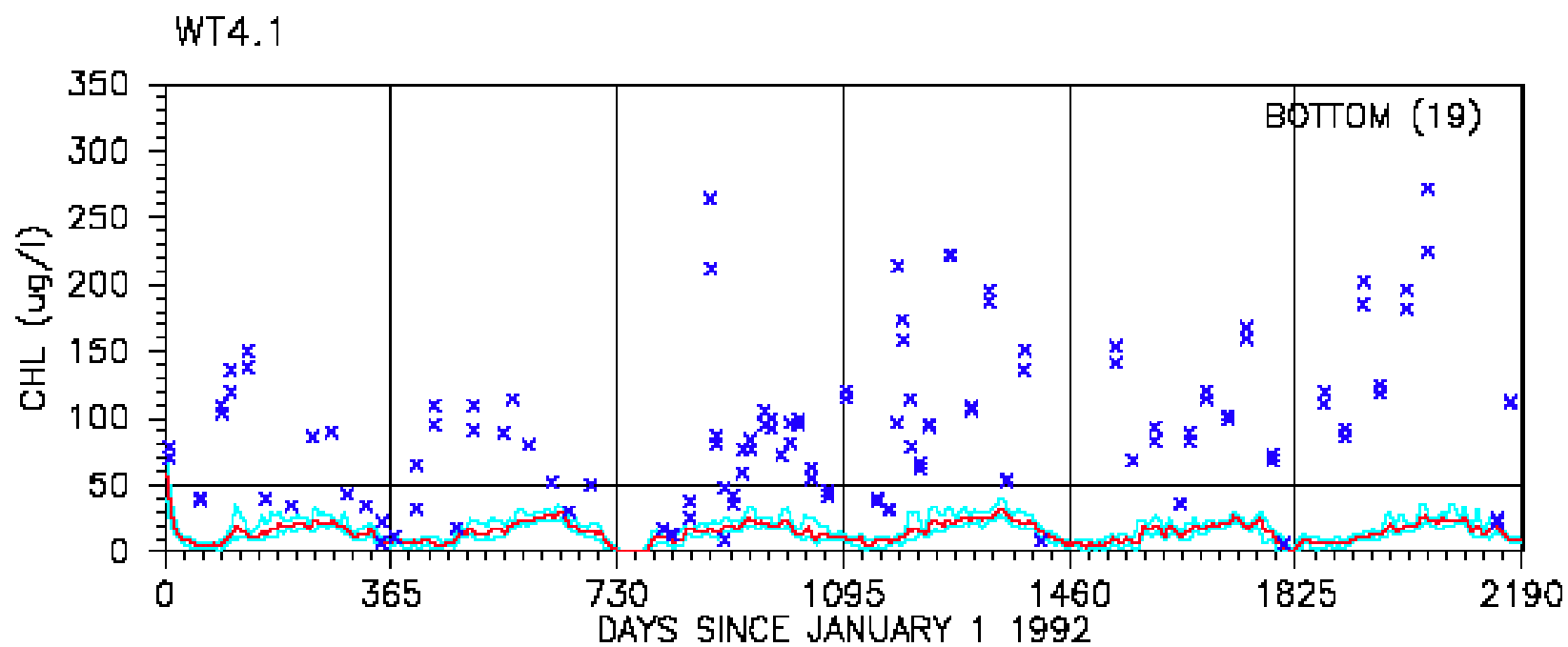
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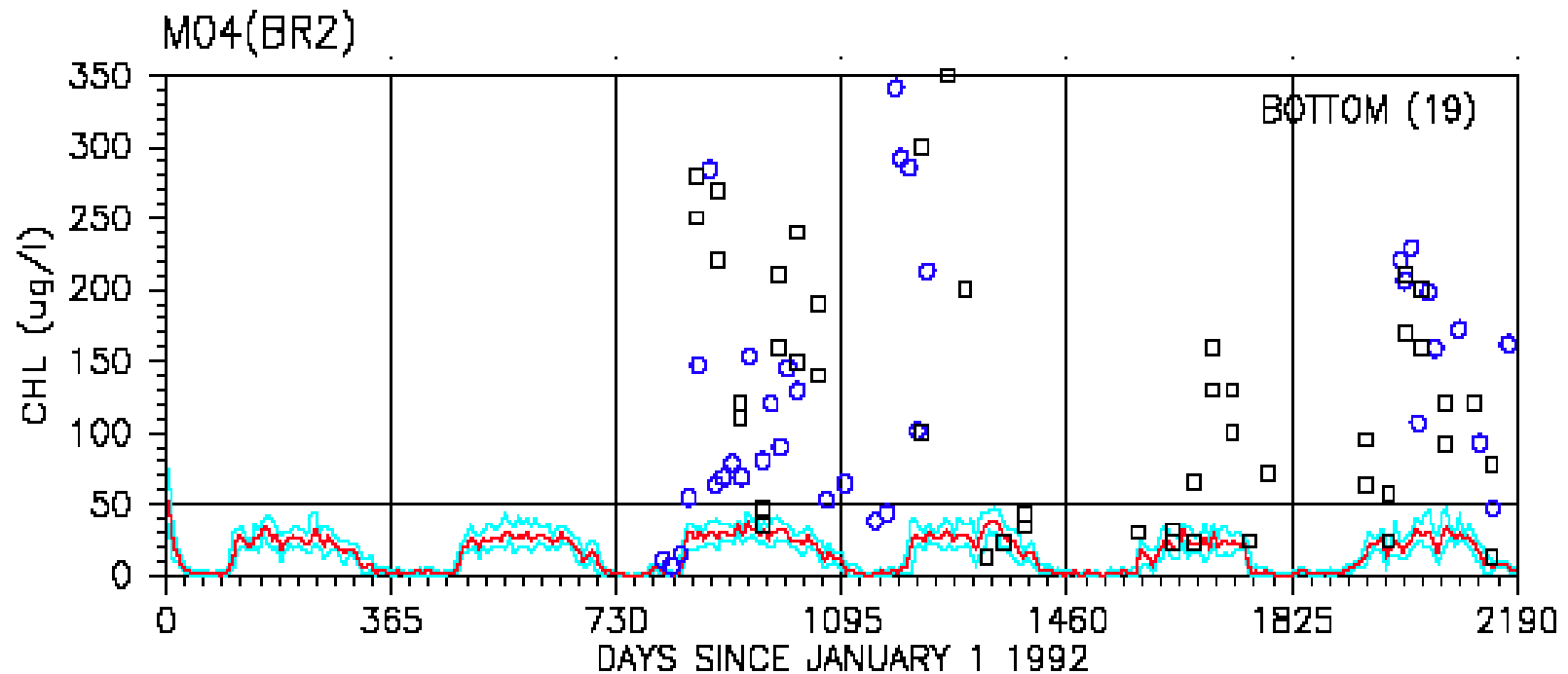


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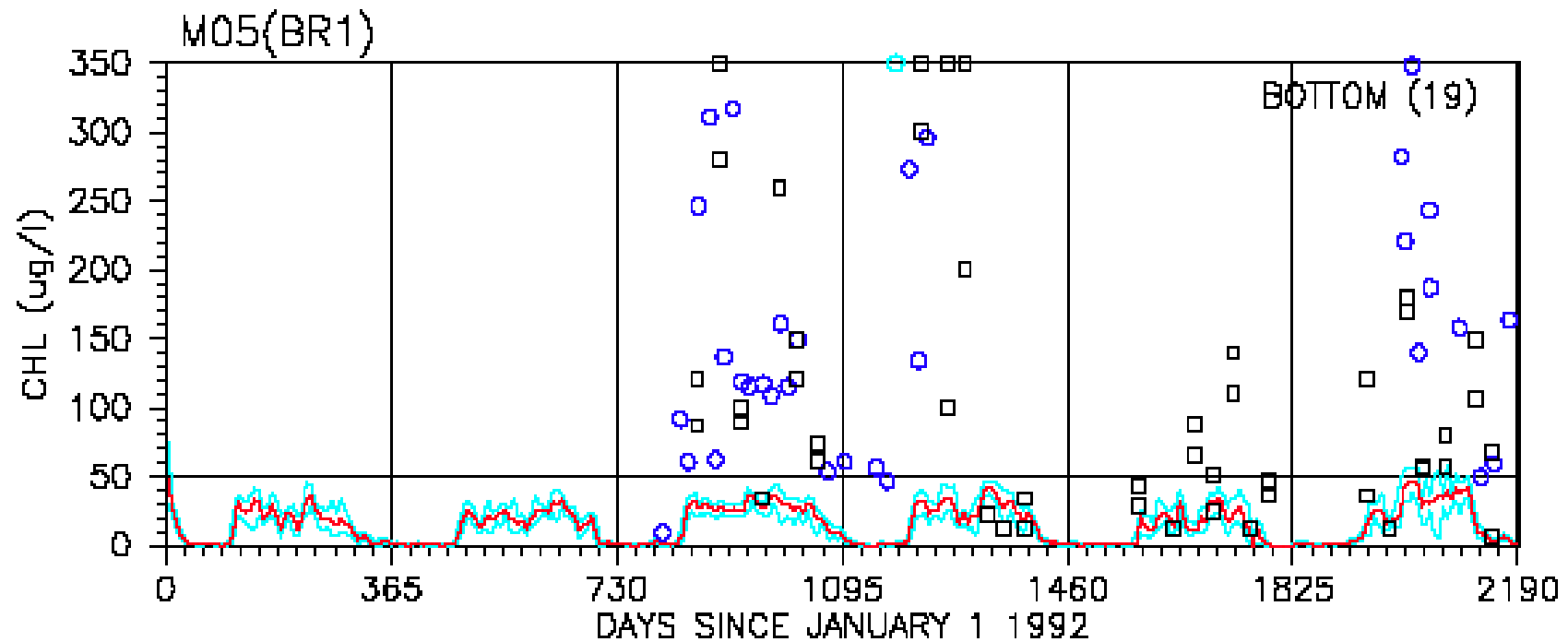


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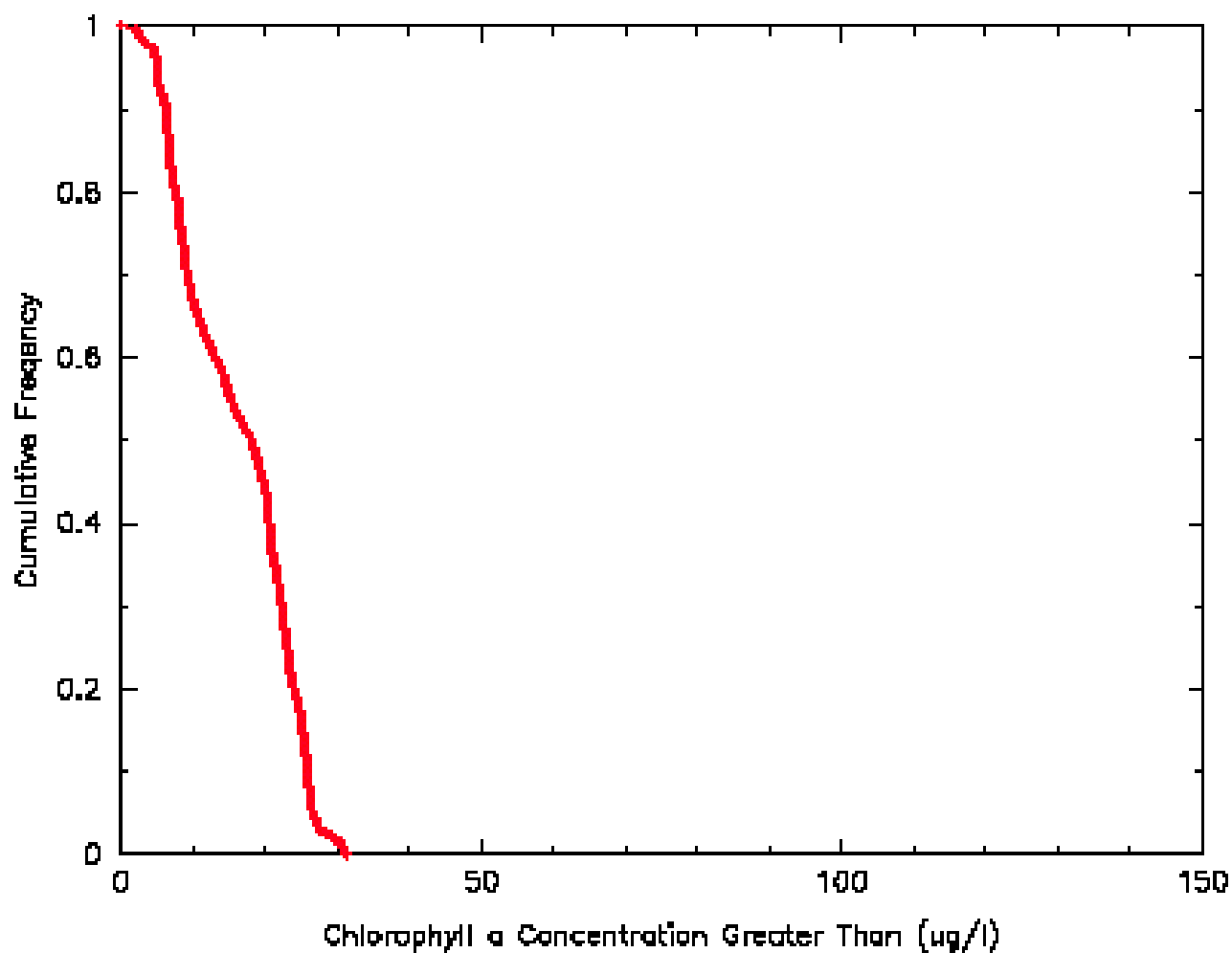


Back River Possible TMDL Scenario Run

- **Load**
 - **Point Source (Back River WWTP)**
 - **Flow: Maximum permit flow (130 MGD)**
 - **TN: 4 mg/l annual average**
(3 mg/L in May - October, 5 mg/L in November - April)
 - **TP: 0.2 mg/l (current permit)**
 - **Nonpoint Source**
 - **MDE's HSPF model outputs x Pass Through Efficiency**
 - **Pass Through Efficiency = CBP allocation/CBP calibration**
TN = 0.33 TP = 0.33



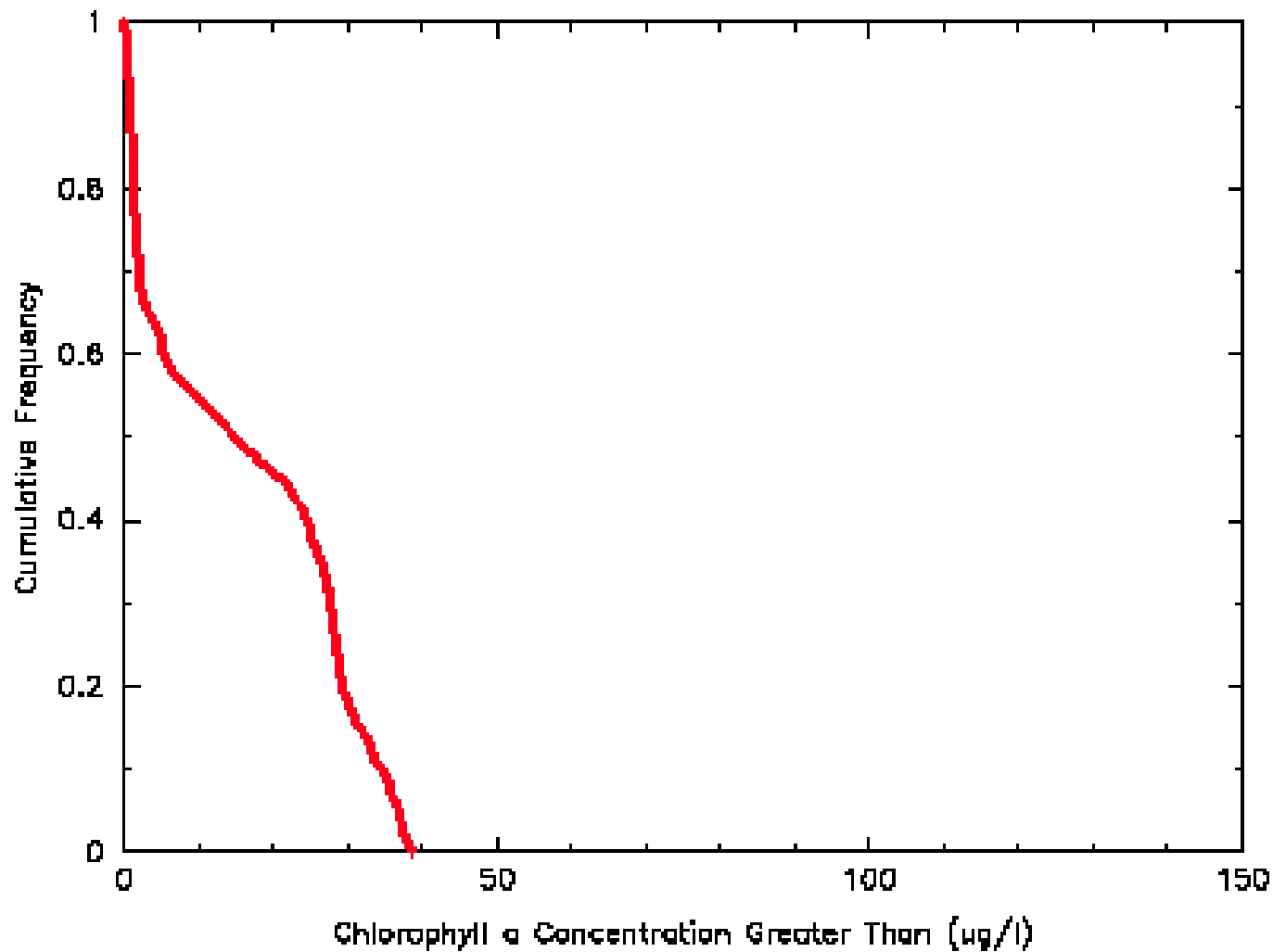
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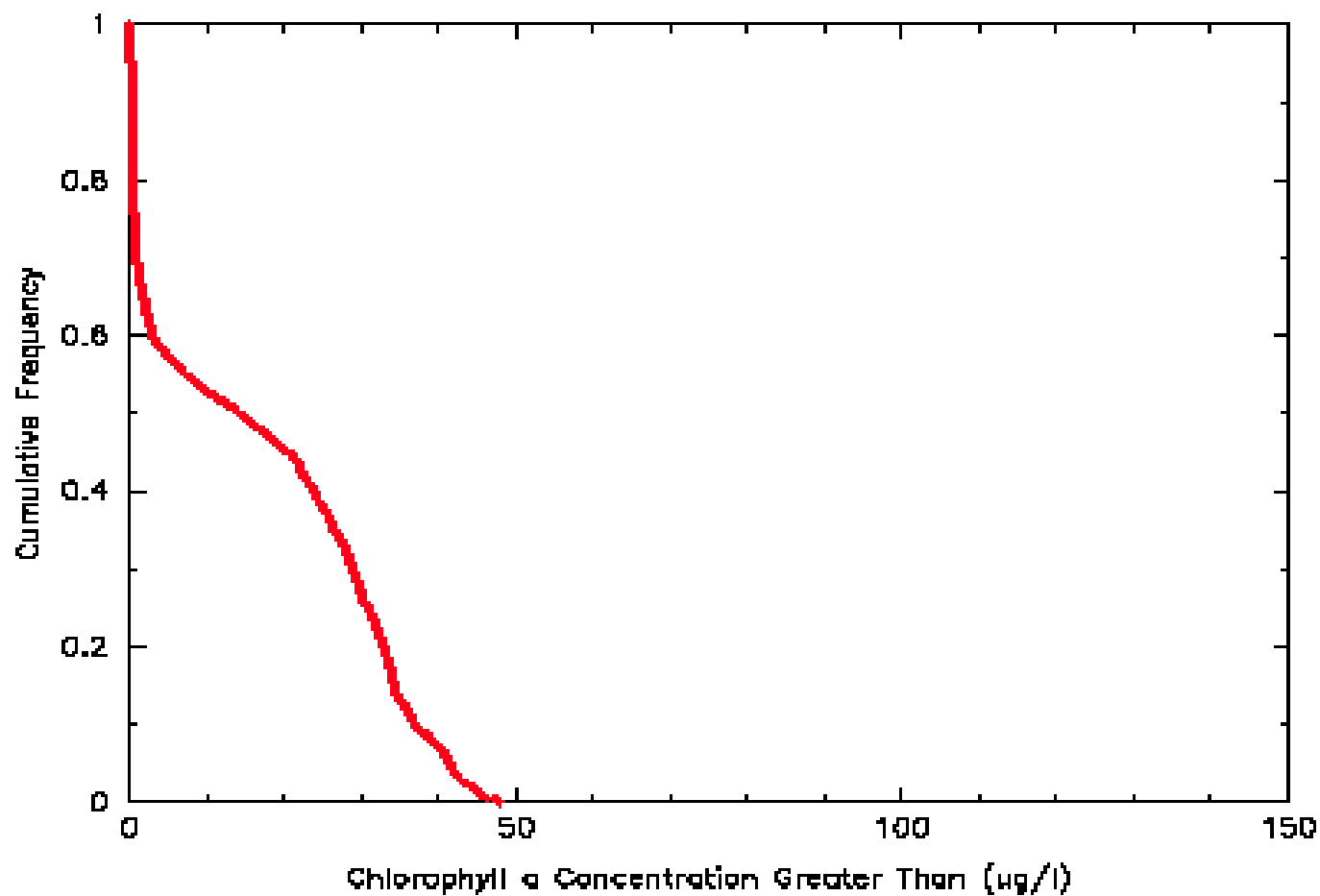
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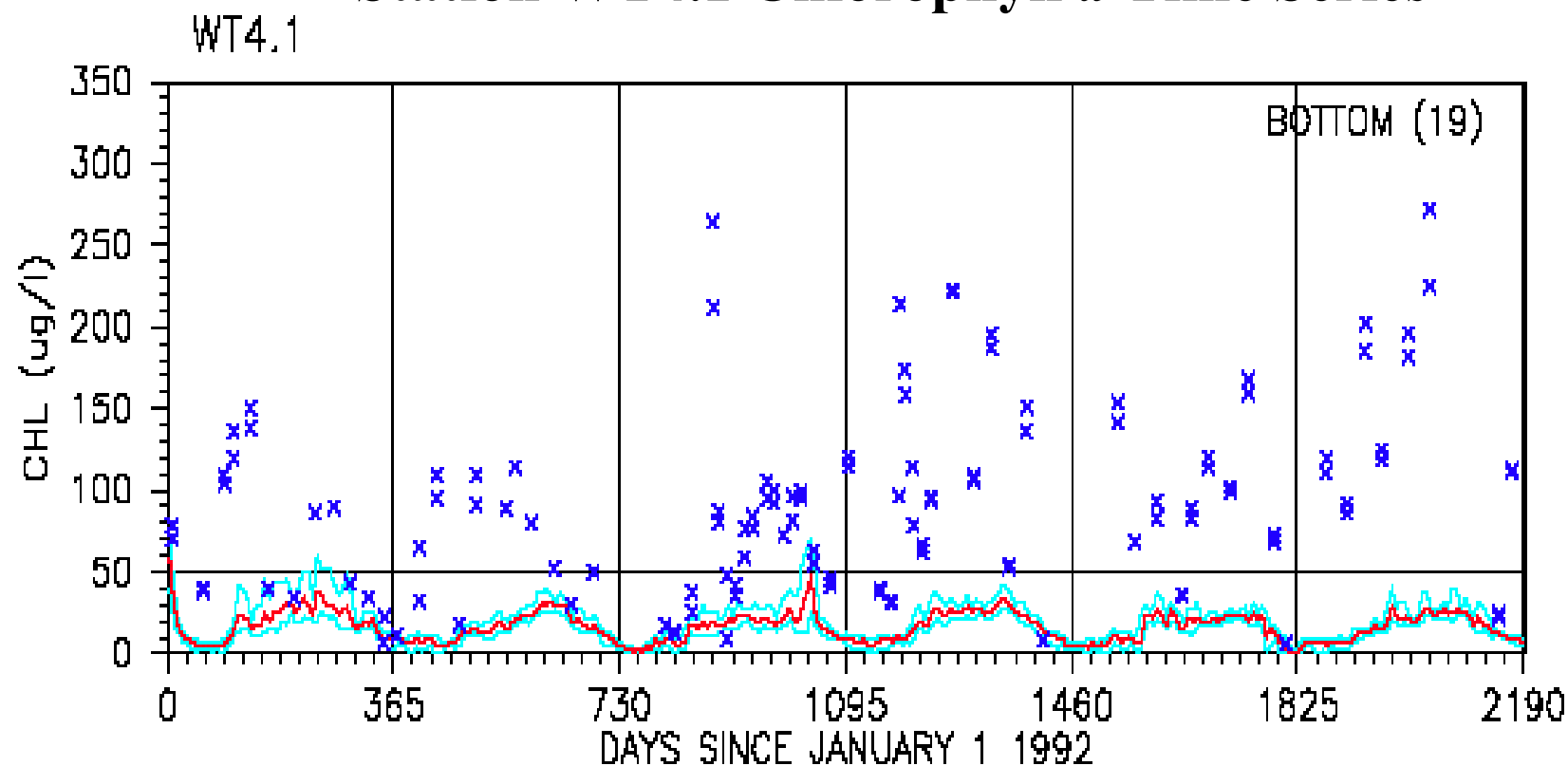
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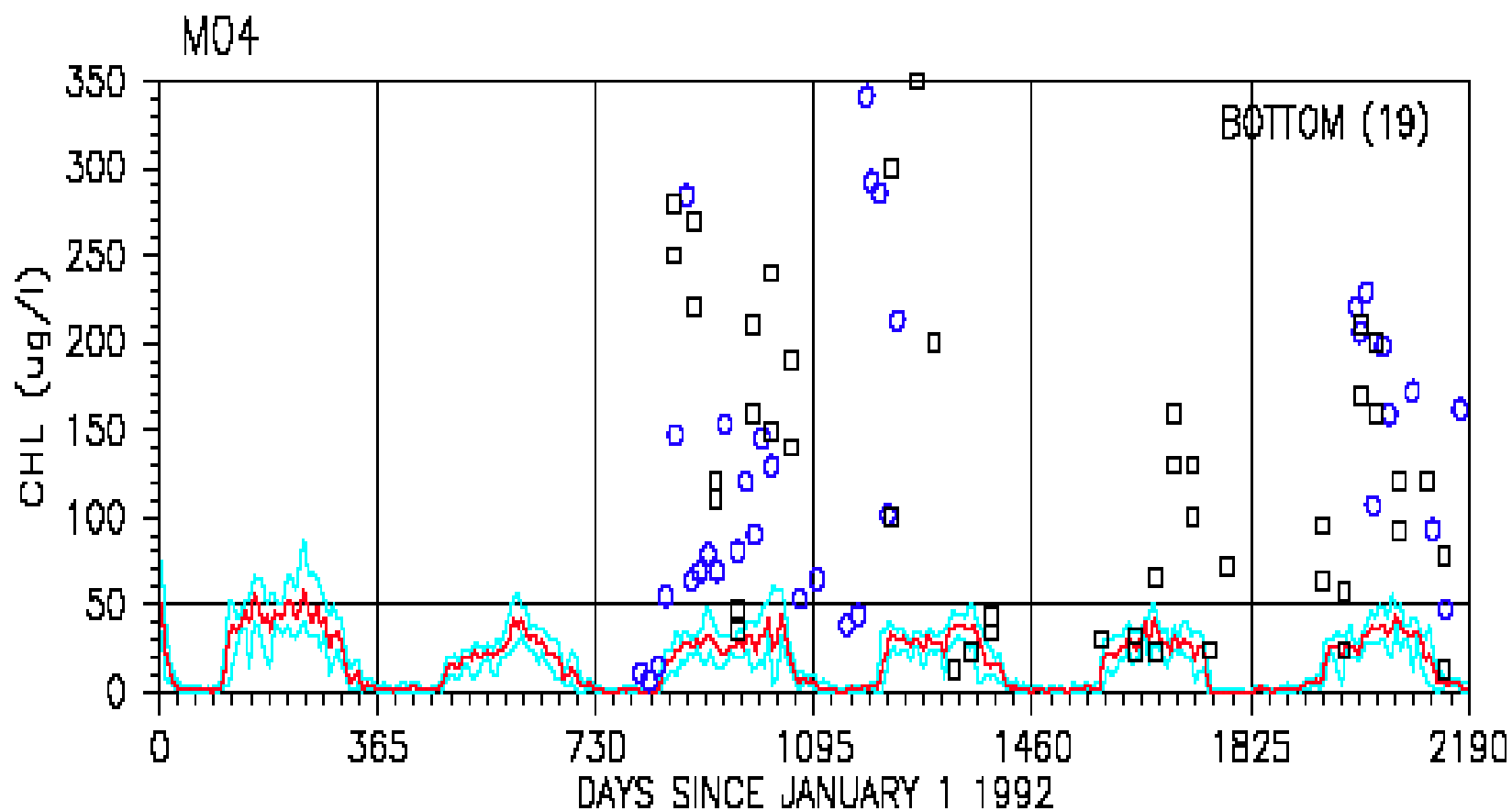


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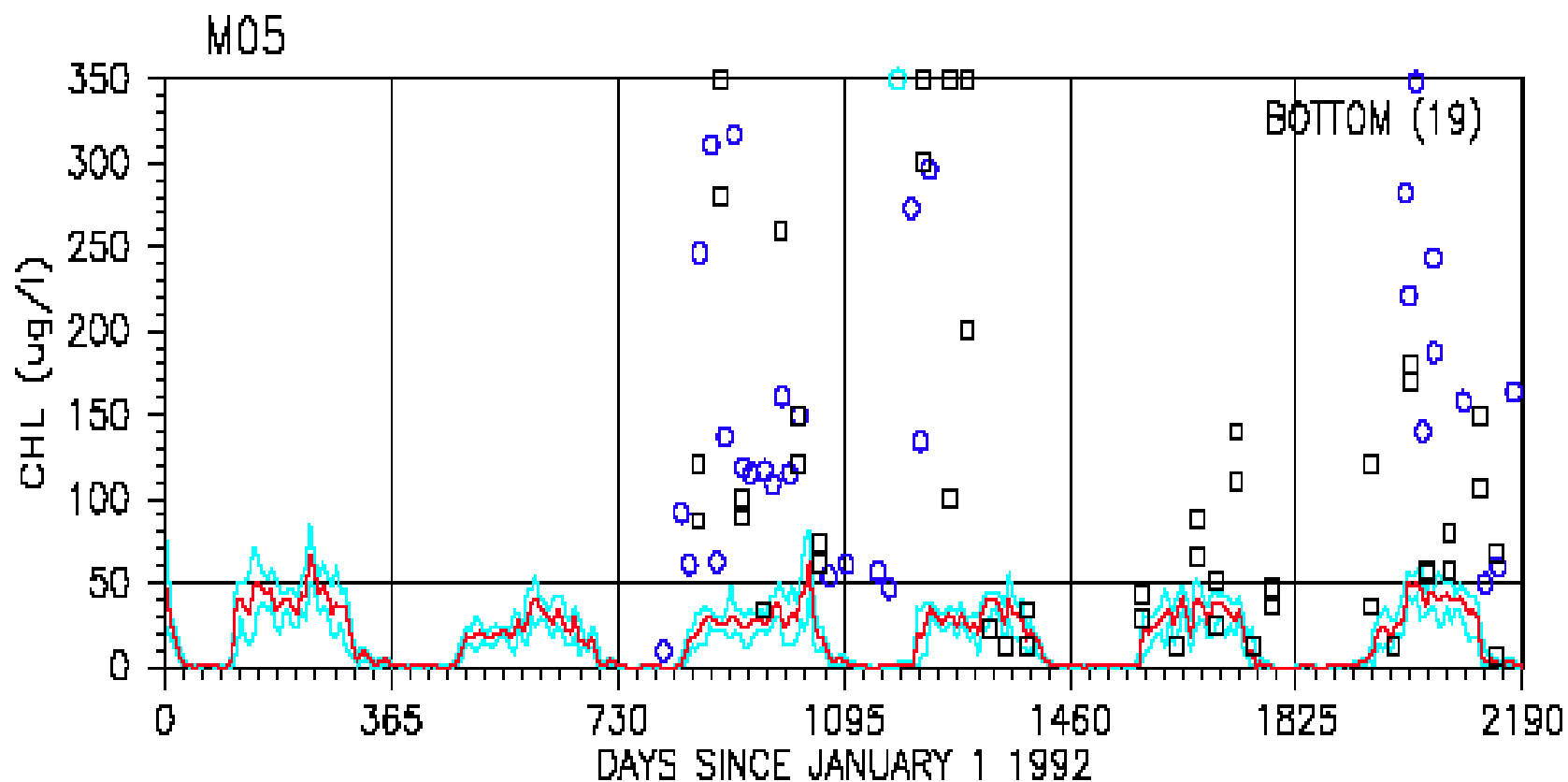


Back River TMDL Scenario Run Station M04 Chlorophyll *a* Time Series





Back River TMDL Scenario Run Station M05 Chlorophyll *a* Time Series





Summary

Back River Possible TMDL Scenario Run

SCENARIOS	PS TN (lb/day)	PS TP (lb/day)	NPS TN (lb/day)	NPS TP (lb/day)
TMDL Scenario Run	4339 (TN = 3 mg/l for May to Oct and 5 Mg/l for the rest; Flow = 130 MGD)	220 (TP = 0.2 mg/l; Flow = 130 MGD)	423	37

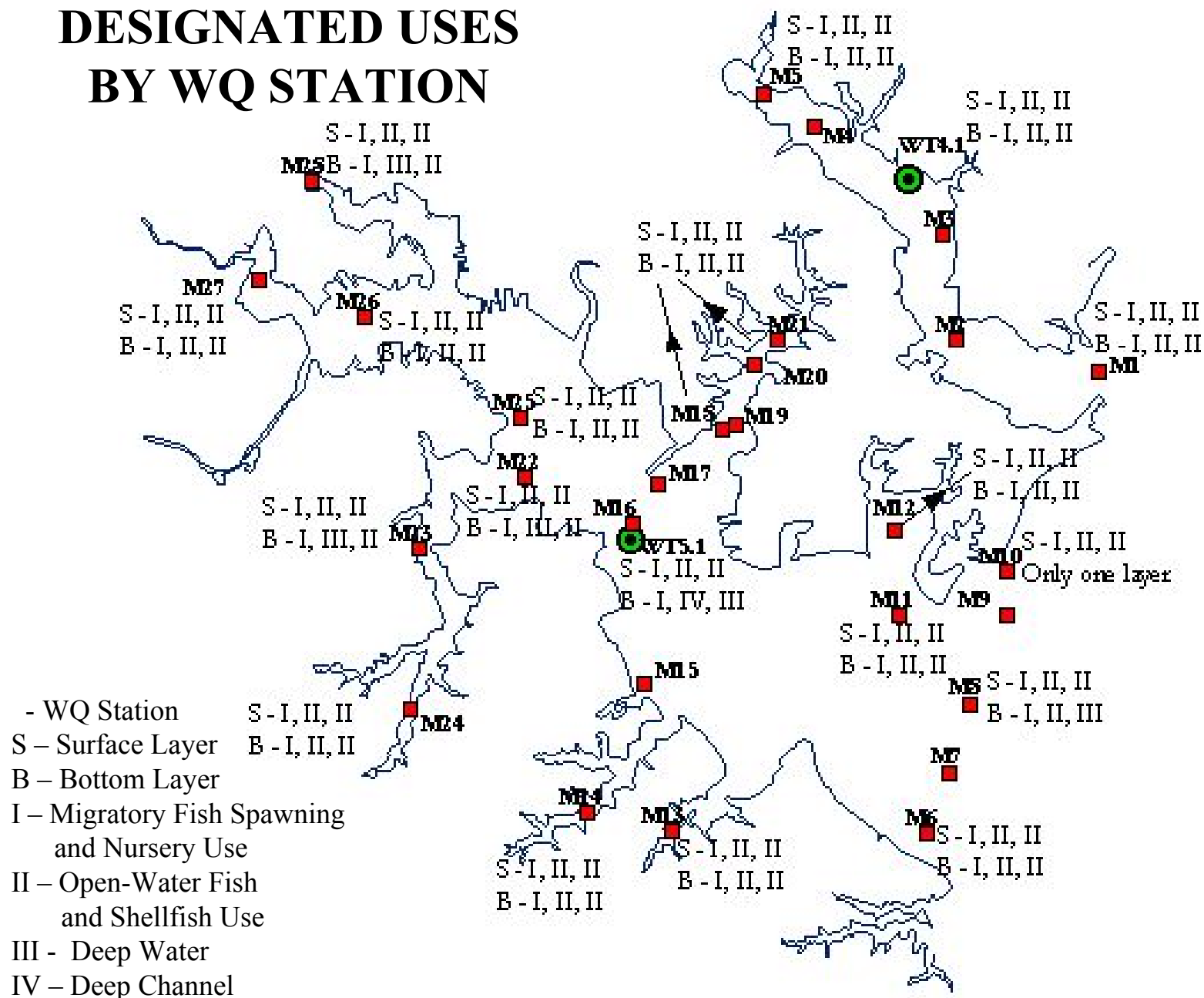
Water Quality

- **Chlorophyll *a*:** below the goal of 50 ug/l in all stations
- **DO:** always above the criteria goal for all 5 stations.



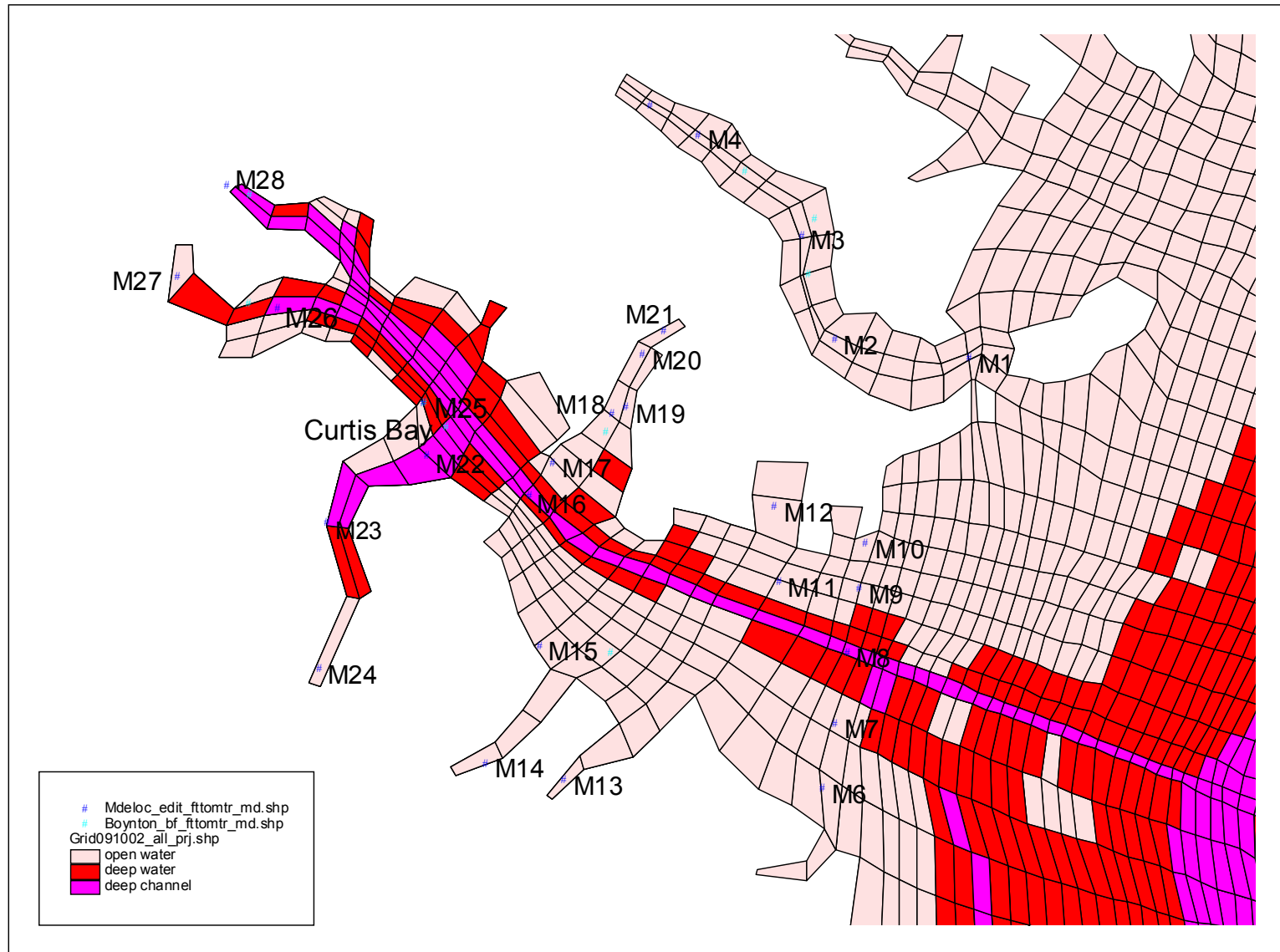
BALTIMORE HARBOR

DESIGNATED USES BY WQ STATION





Harbor Designated Uses





Baltimore Harbor

Proposed Designated Uses and DO Endpoint

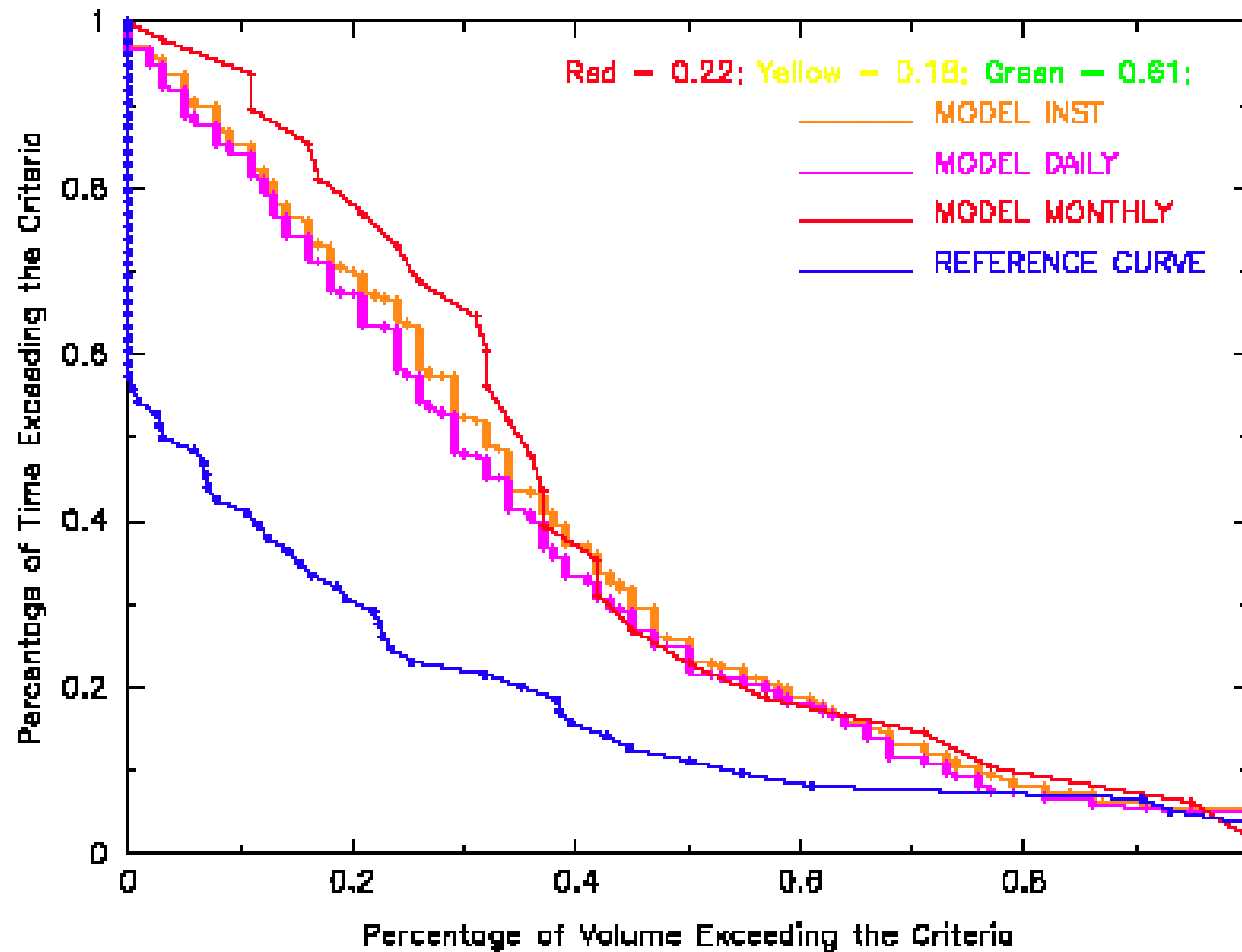
	Feb 1 –May 31	June 1 –Sept 30	Oct 1 –Jan 30
0 – Upper Pycnocline	Migratory Fish (MF)	Open Water (OW)	Open Water (OW)
Upper – Lower pycnocline	Migratory Fish (MF)	Deep Water (DW)	Open Water (OW)
Lower Pycnocline - Bottom	Migratory Fish (MF)	Deep Channel (DC)	Open Water (OW)

Designated Use	30-day mean	7-day mean	1-day mean	Instantaneous minimum
MF				5.0
OW	5.0	4.0		3.0
DW	3.0		2.3	1.7
DC				1.0



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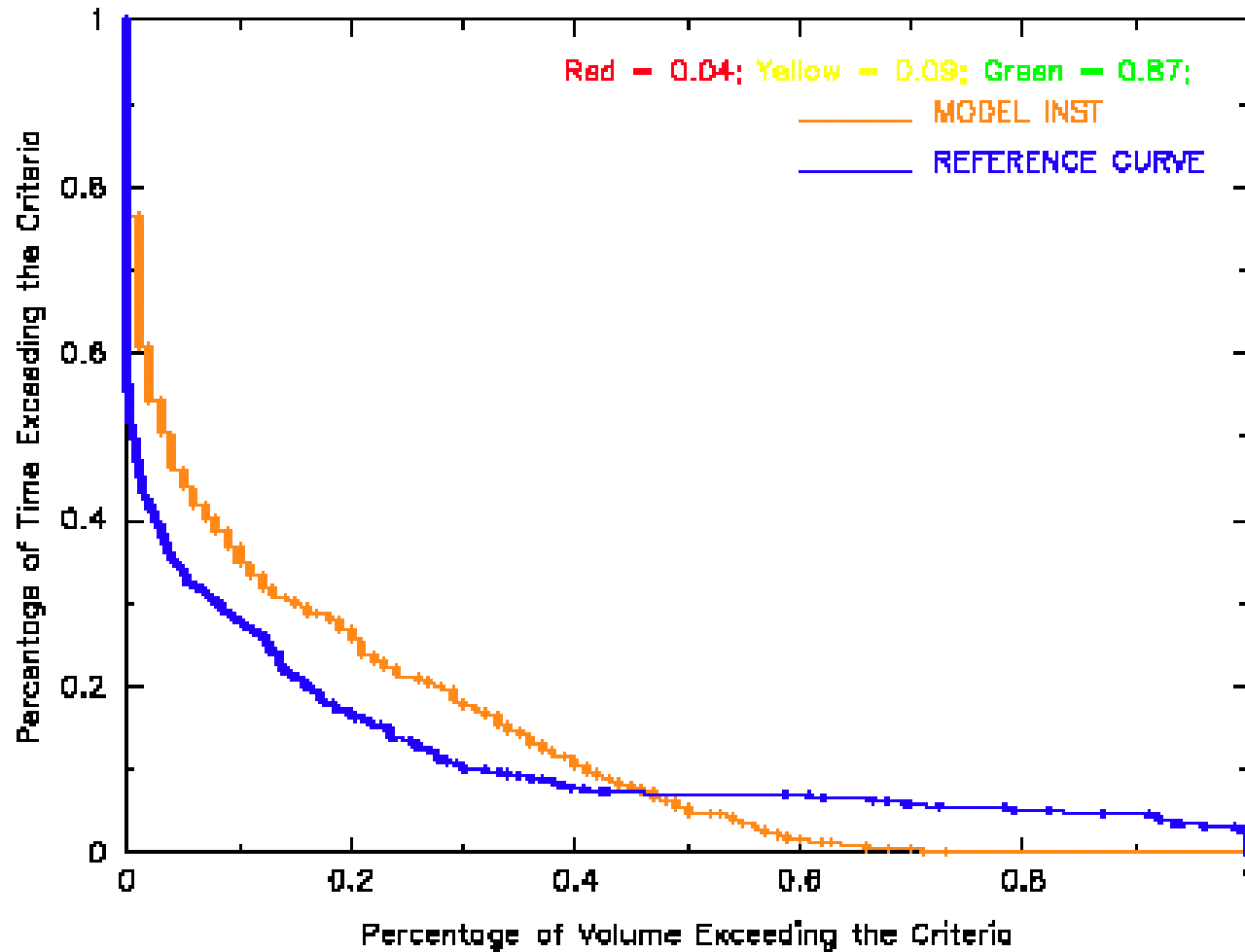
DEEP WATER {JUNE-SEPT}





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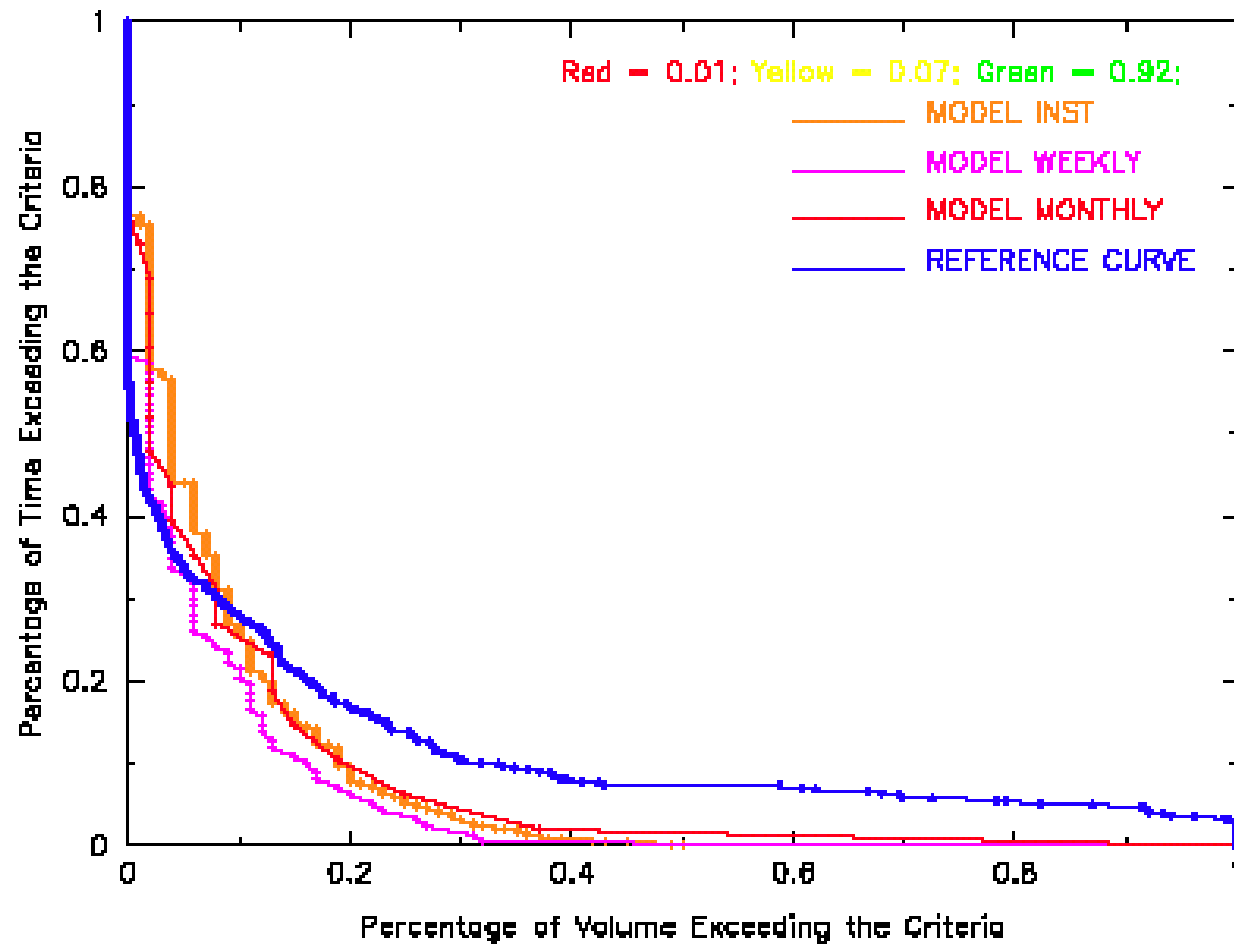
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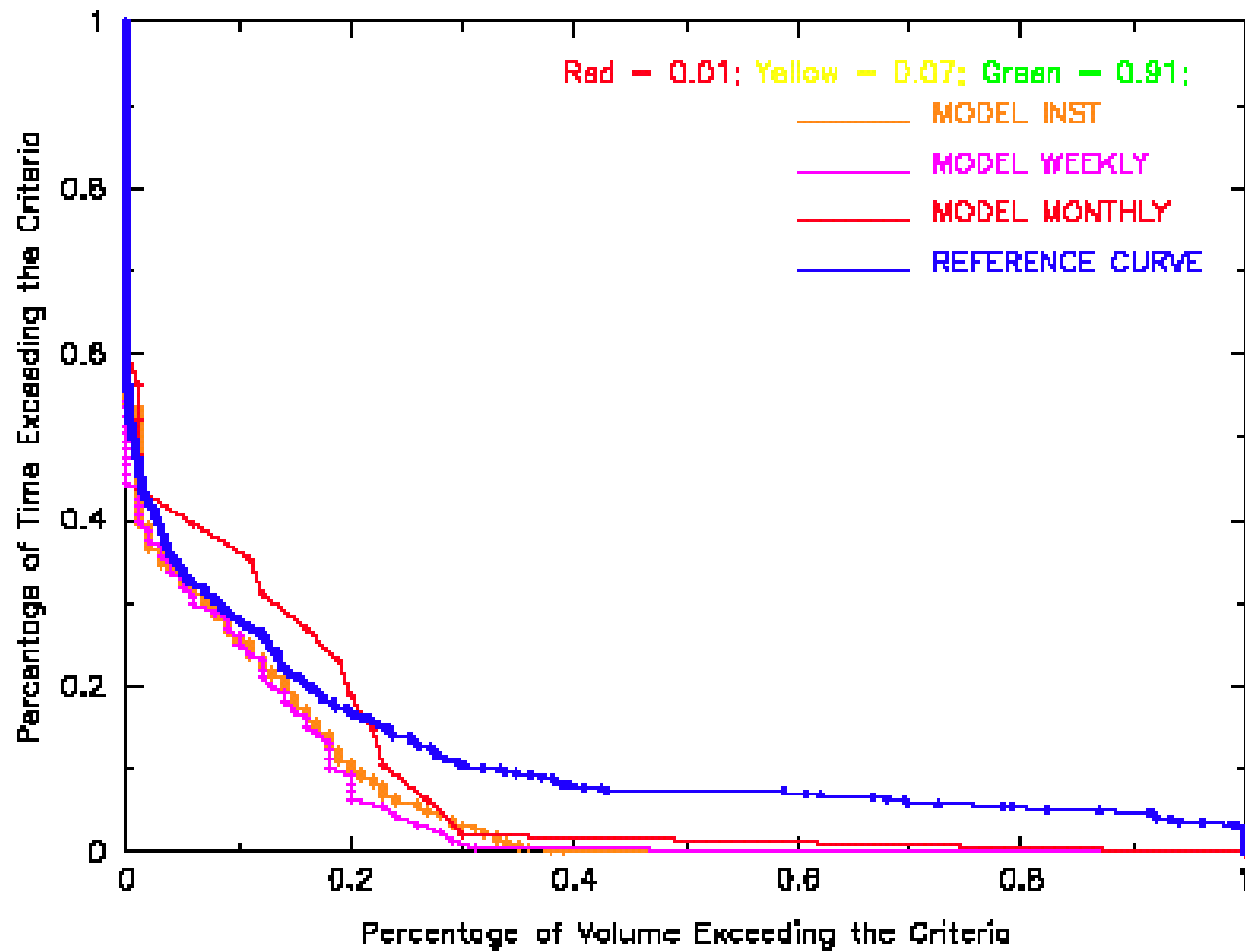
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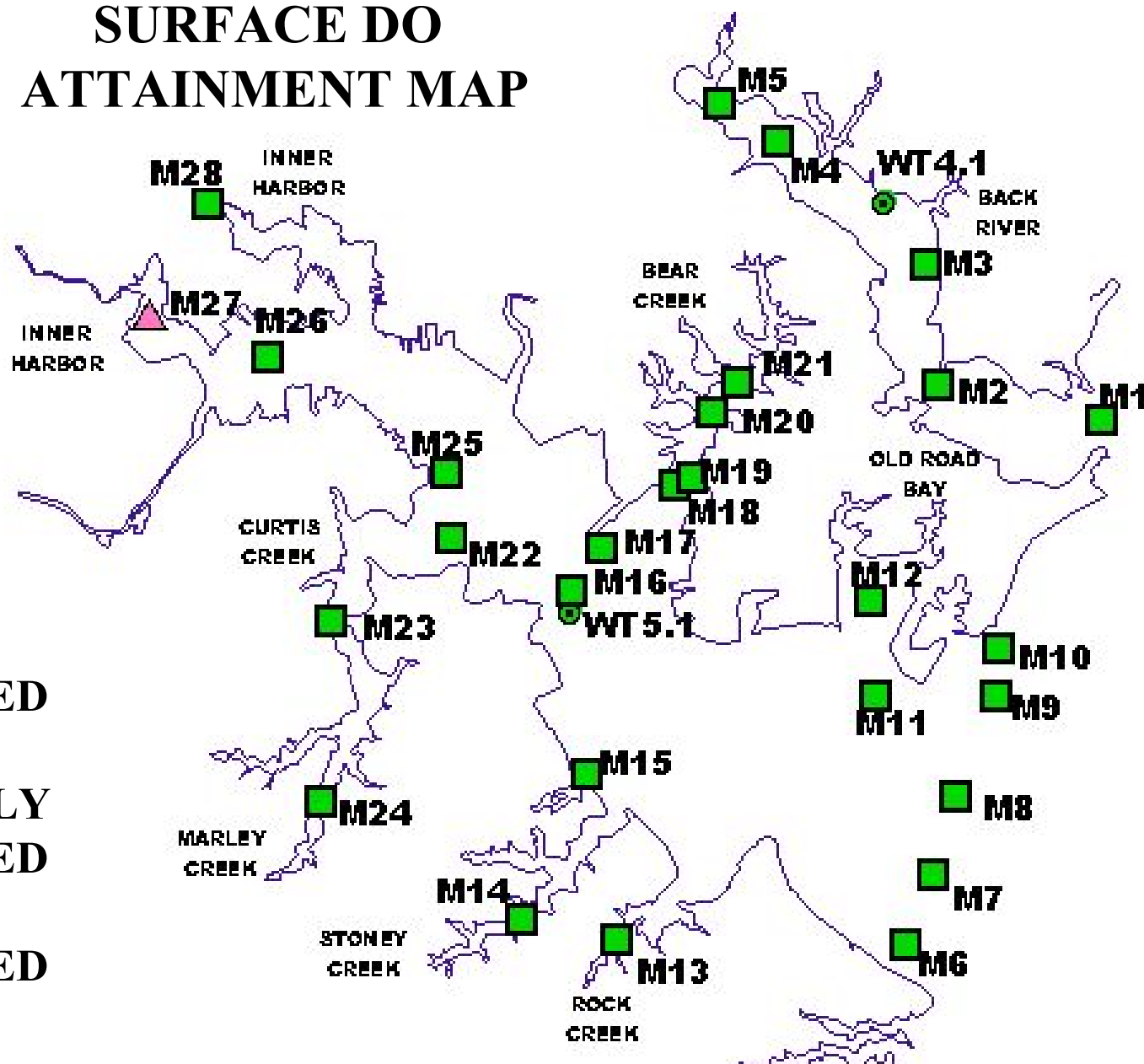
OPEN WATER (OCT–JAN)





SURFACE DO ATTAINMENT MAP

- NOT
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- ▲ SLIGHTLY
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- IMPAIRED



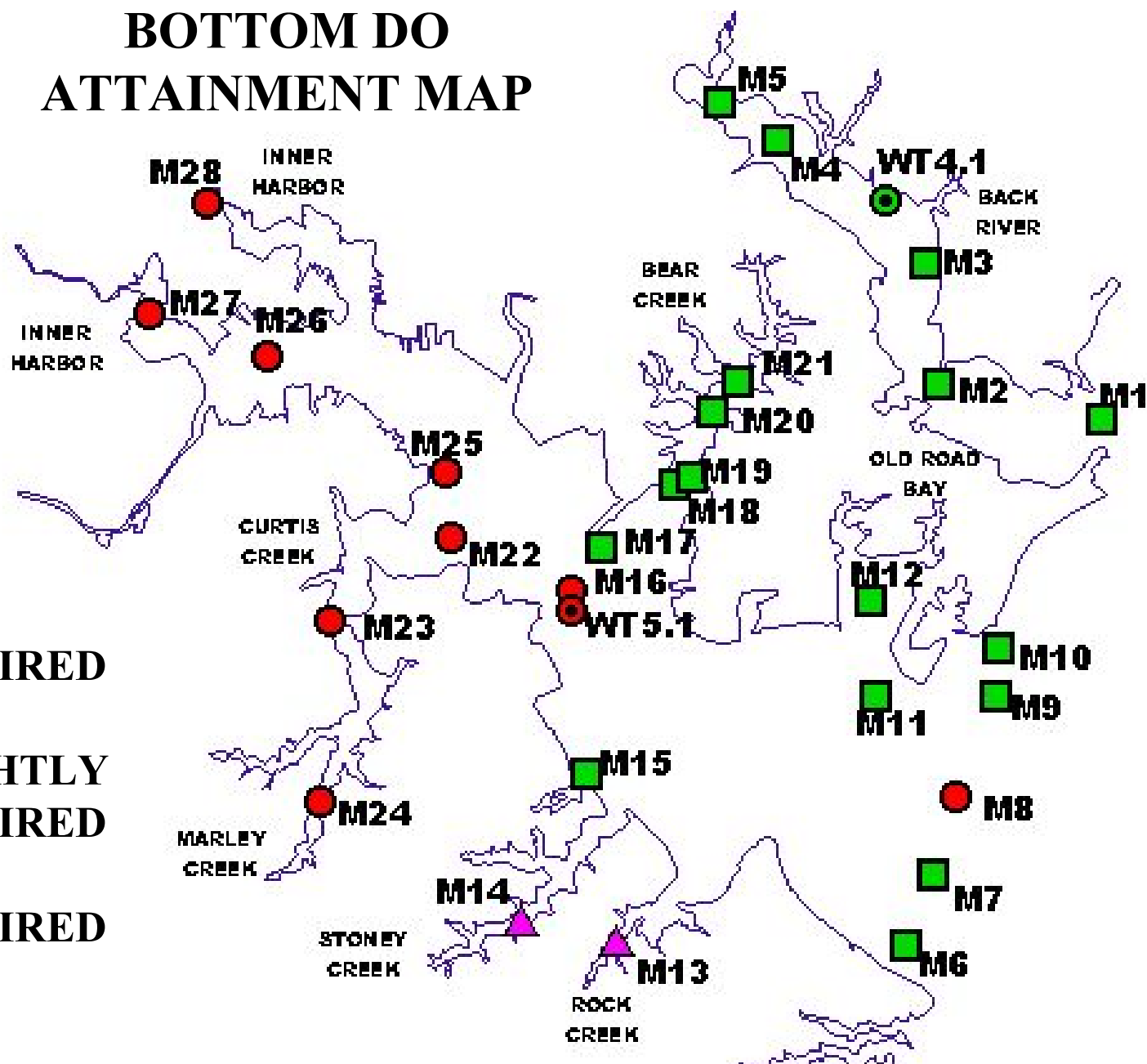


BOTTOM DO ATTAINMENT MAP

NOT
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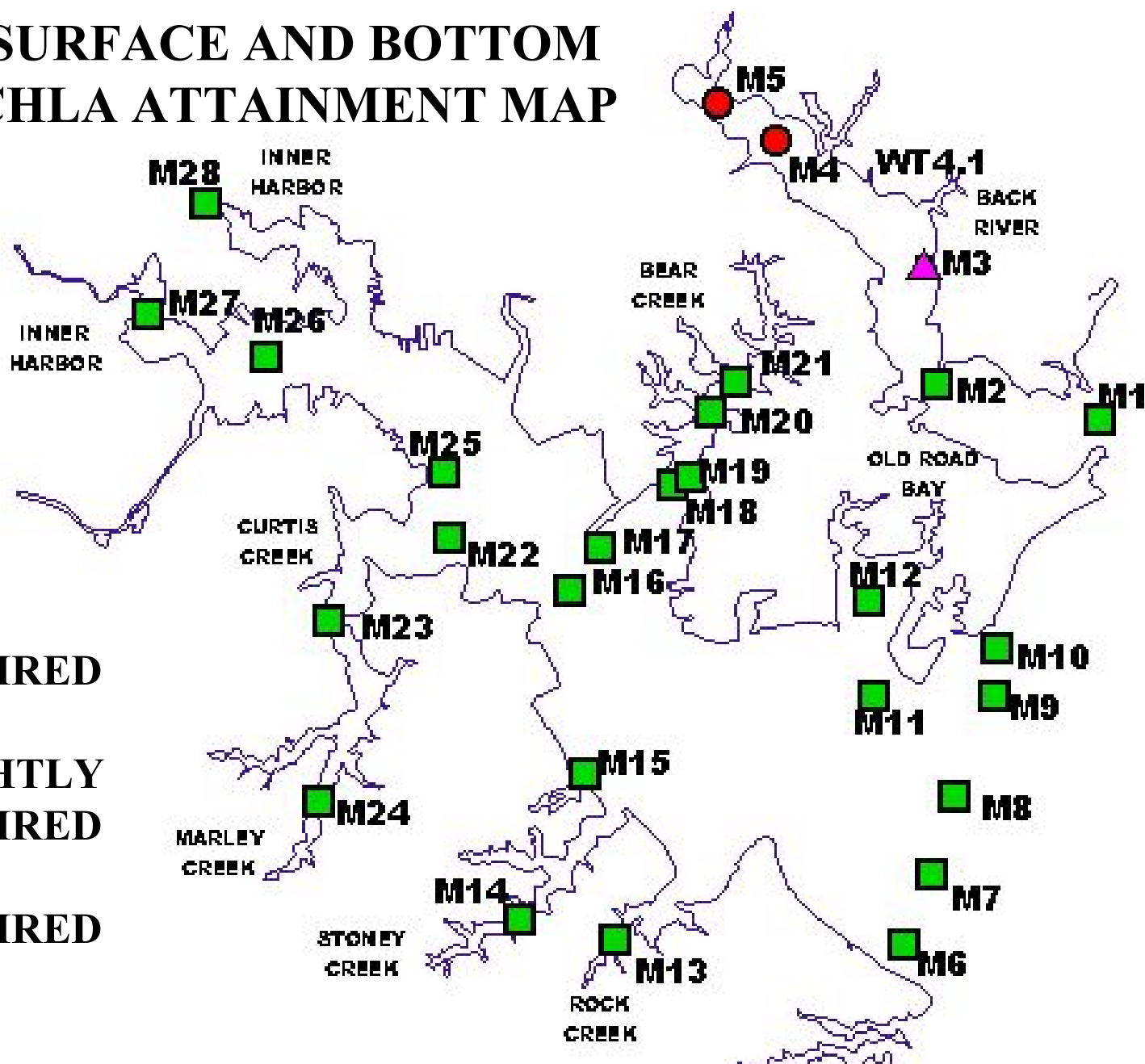
IMPAIRED





SURFACE AND BOTTOM CHLA ATTAINMENT MAP

- NOT
IMPAIRED
- ▲ SLIGHTLY
IMPAIRED
- IMPAIRED





Impairment Summary

The Baltimore Harbor is impaired by
nutrients as shown by **Low DO** level



BALTIMORE HARBOR SENSITIVITY SCENARIOS

LOADINGS and DO Attainment Check

SENSITIVITY SCENARIOS					PERCENT NON-ATTAINMENT				
SCENARIOS	PS TN (lb/day)	PS TP (lb/day)	NPS TN (lb/day)	NPS TP (lb/day)	Deep Water June-Sept (%)	Deep Channel June-Sept (%)	Open Water June-Sept (%)	Migratory Fish Feb-May (%)	Open Water Oct-Jan (%)
CBP ALLOCATION + ZERO PS	0	0	5,260	650	7	76	0	0	0
CBP ALLOCATION + ZERO NPS	9,766	634	0	0	5	75	0	0	0
CBP ALLOCATION + ZERO PS + ZERO NPS	0	0	0	0	3	71	0	0	0
CBP ALLOCATION + ZERO SEDIMENT INITIAL CONDITION	9,766	634	5,260	650	4	63	0	0	0
CBP ALLOCATION + ZERO PS + ZERO NPS + ZERO SEDIMENT INITIAL CONDITION	0	0	0	0	1	49	0	0	0



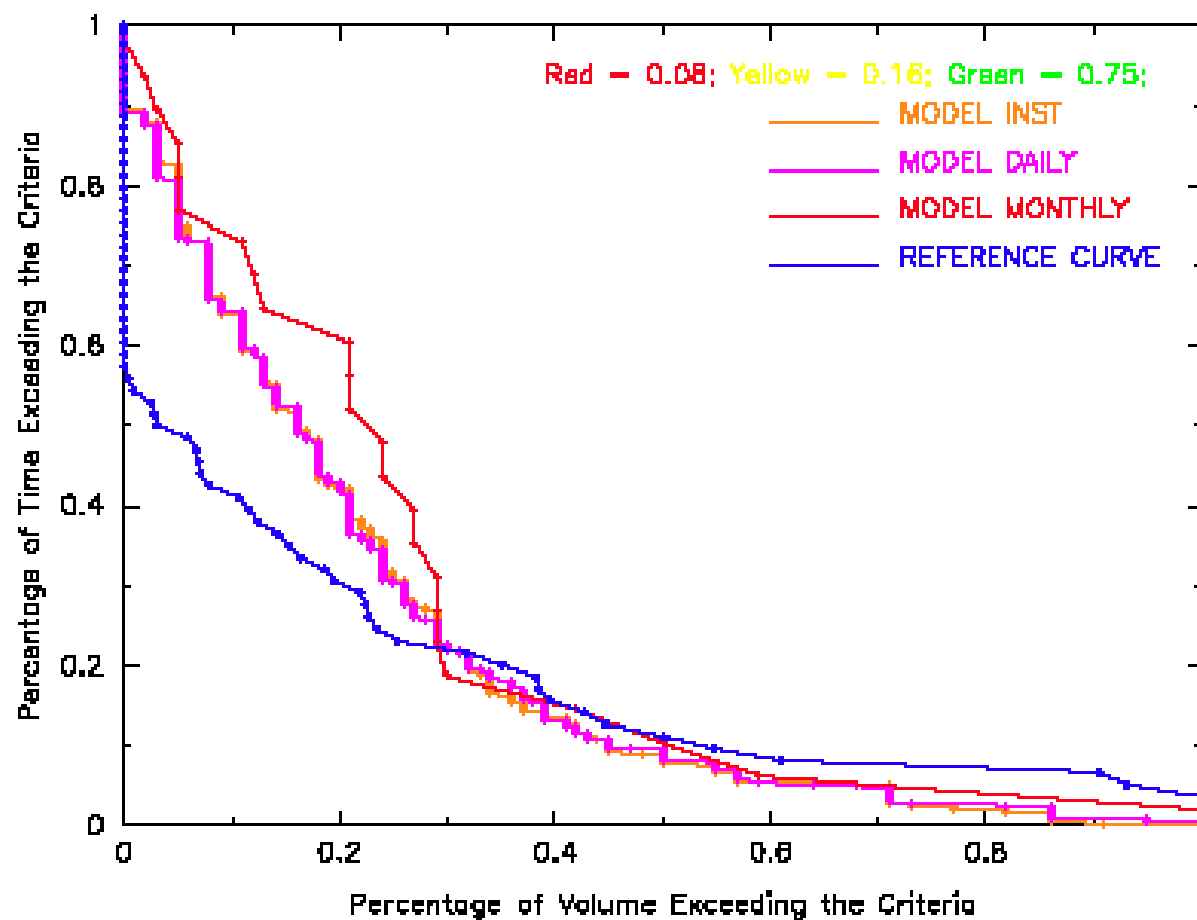
BALTIMORE HARBOR OTHER SCENARIOS LOADINGS and DO Attainment Check

OTHER SCENARIOS					PERCENT NON-ATTAINMENT				
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CBP ALLOCATION + MDE-NPS	9,766	634	6,227	357	8	81	0	0	0
CBP ALLOCATION + MDE-NPS + E3-PS	4,145	140	6,227	357	7	77	0	0	0
CBP ALLOCATION + MDE NPS + CURRENT- PERMITS	20,083	1,437	6,227	357	10	84	0	0	0
CBP ALLOCATION + MDE NPS + EN RPS	6,651	575	6,227	357	8	81	0	0	0



CBP ALLOCATION

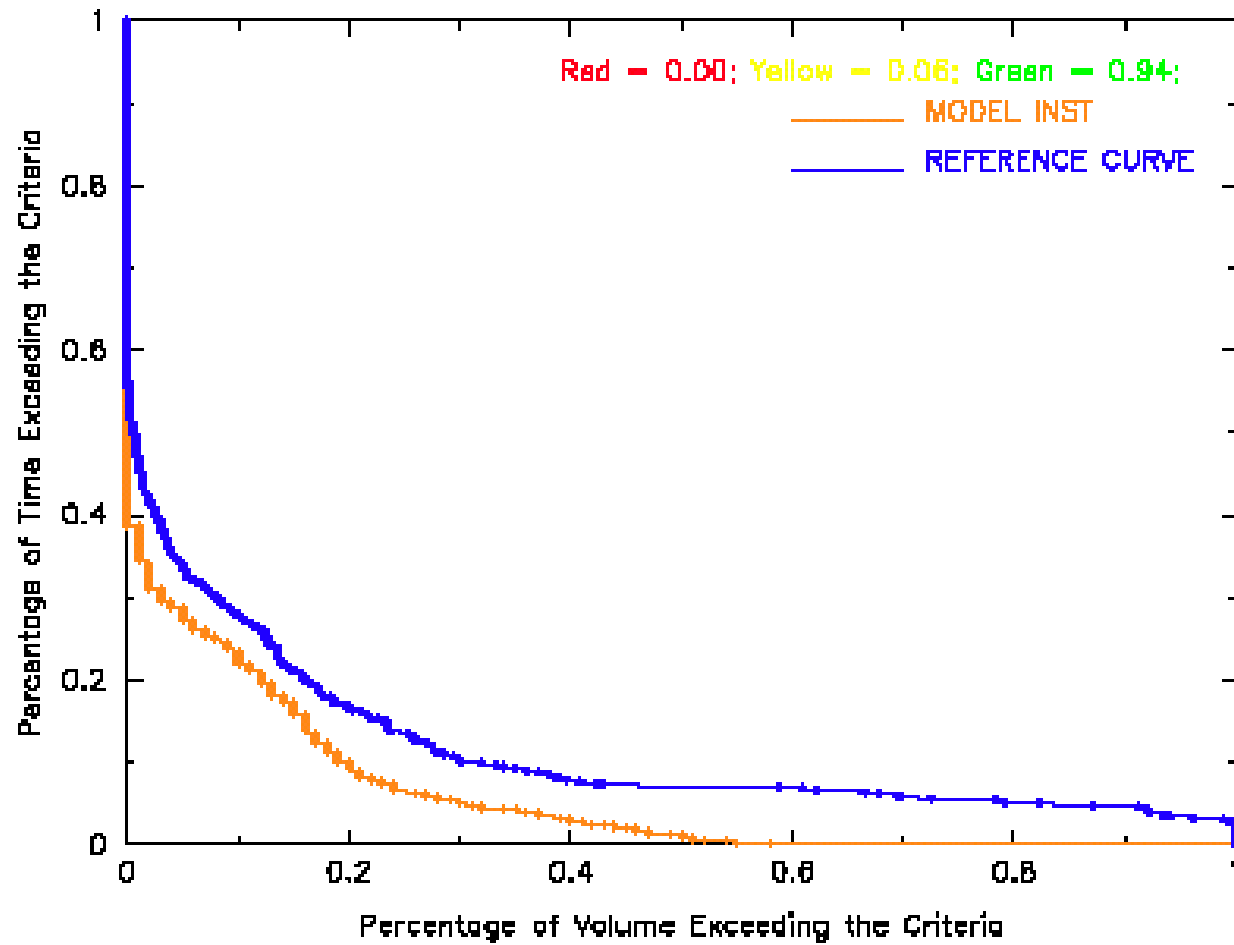
DEEP WATER (JUNE–SEPT)





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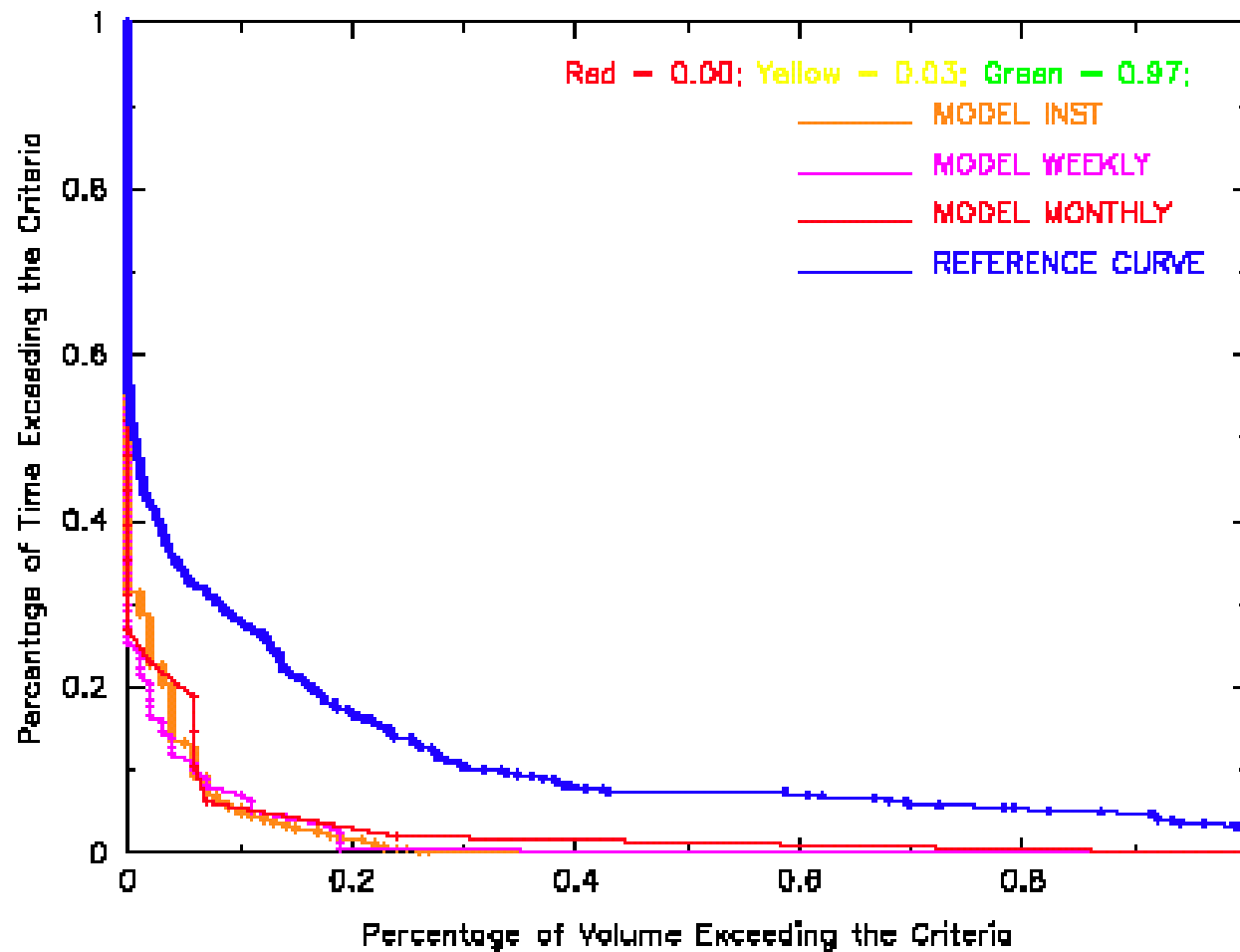
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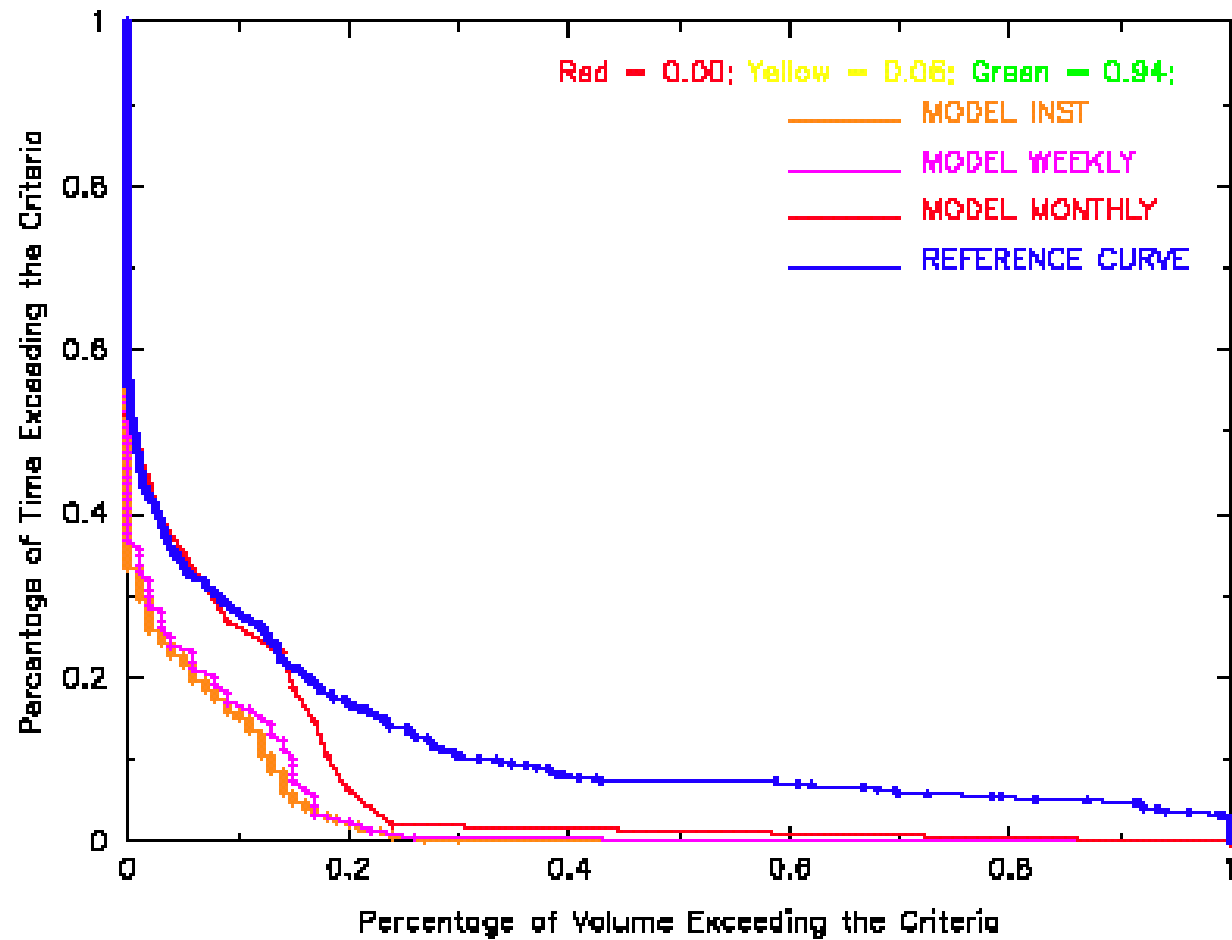
OPEN WATER (JUNE–SEPT)





CBP ALLOCATION

OPEN WATER (OCT–JAN)





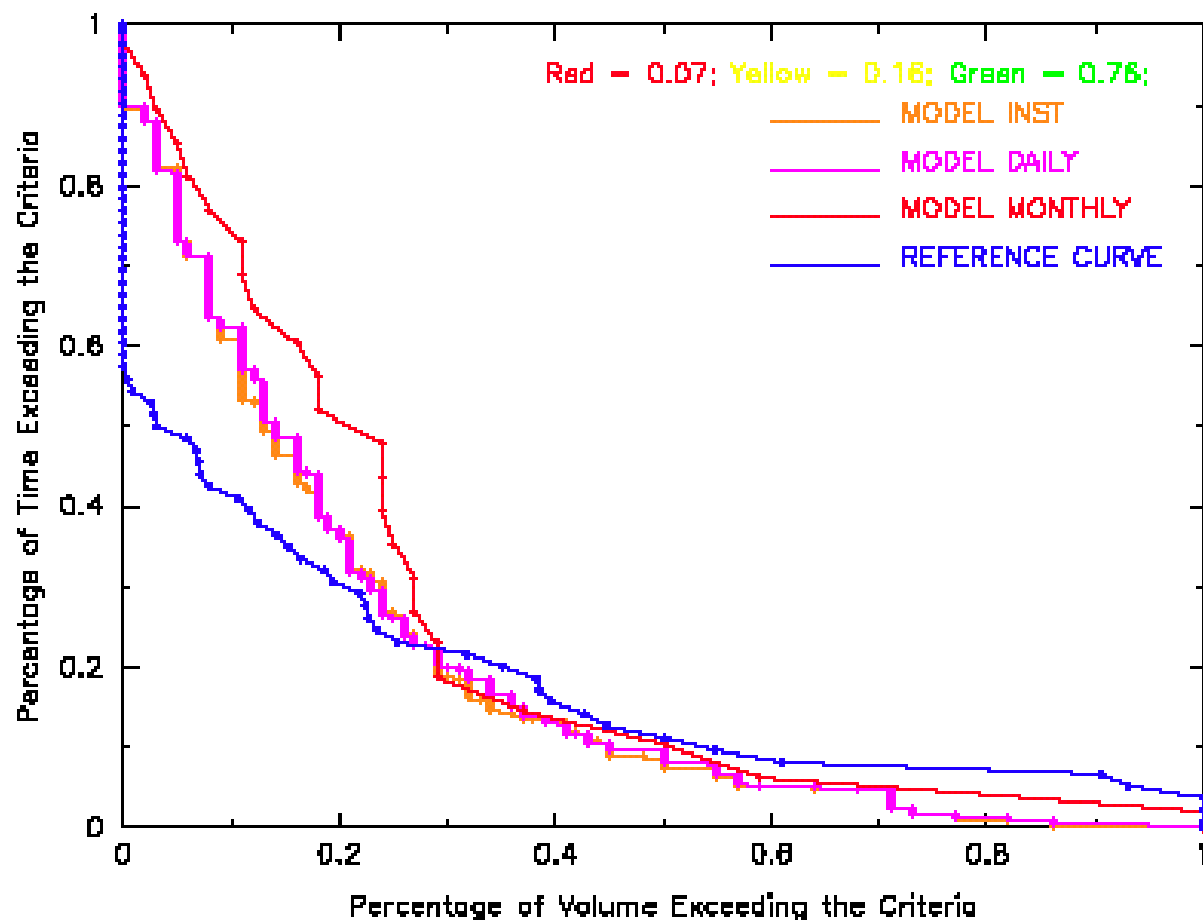
Baltimore Harbor Possible TMDL Scenario Run

- **Load**
 - **Point Source**
 - **Flow: Maximum permit flow**
 - **ENR to Municipal - TN: 4 mg/L annual average**
(3 mg/L in May - October, 5 mg/L in November - April),
TP: 0.3 mg/L
 - **Industrial PS – CBP Tier III Scenario loads**
 - **Nonpoint Source**
 - **MDE's HSPF model outputs x Pass Through Efficiency**
 - **Pass Through Efficiency = CBP allocation/CBP calibration**
 - **TN=0.33 TP = 0.33**



TMDL Scenario Run

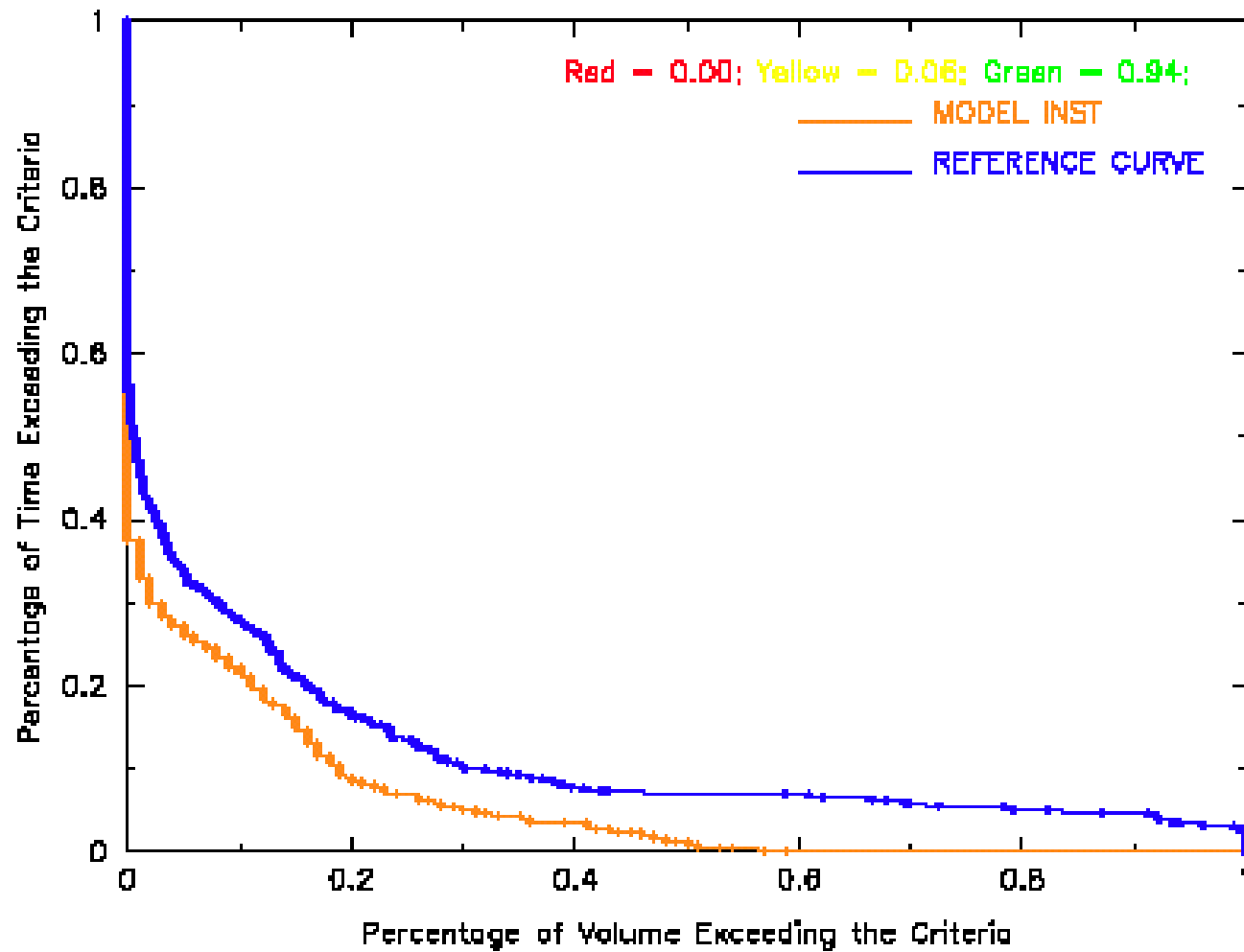
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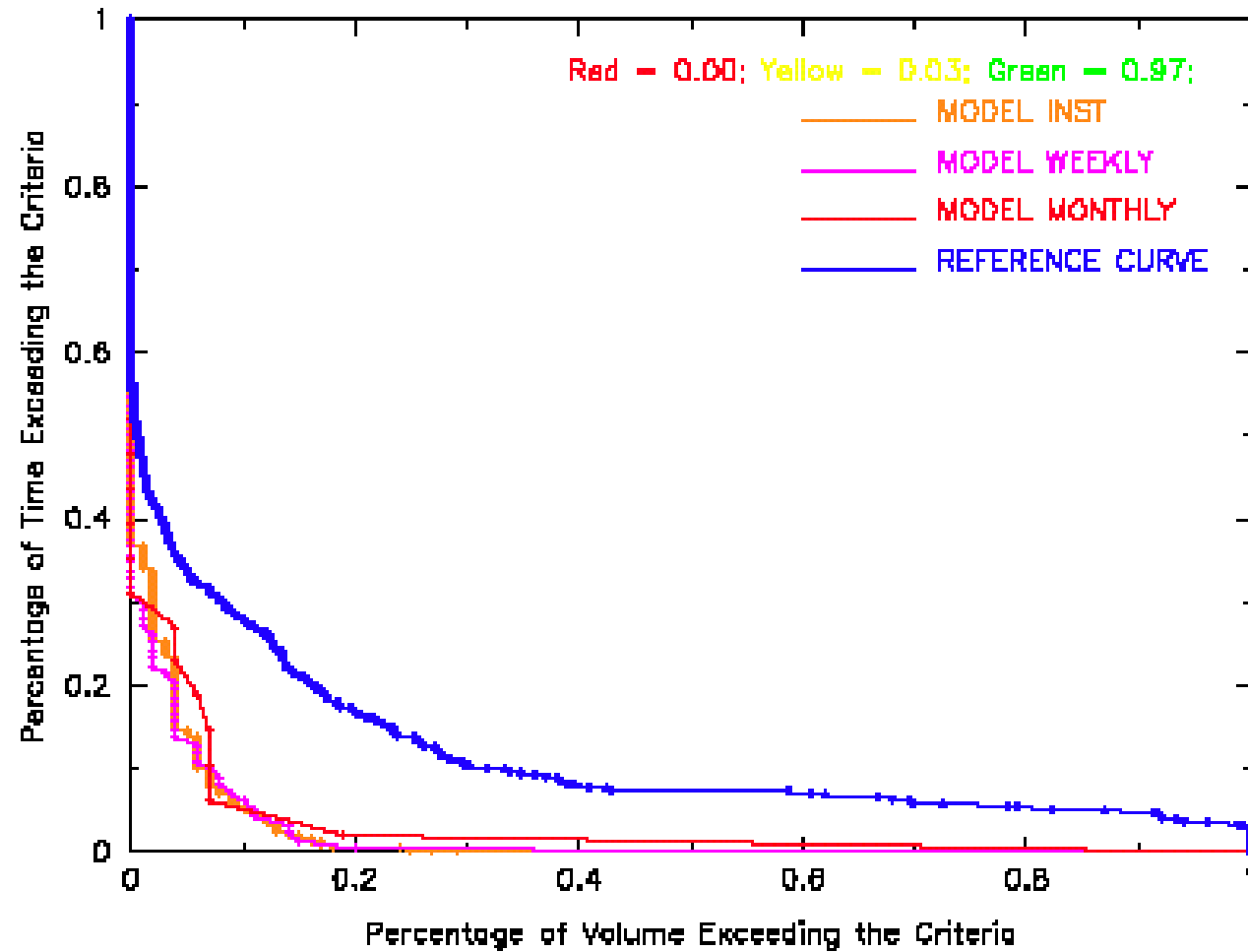
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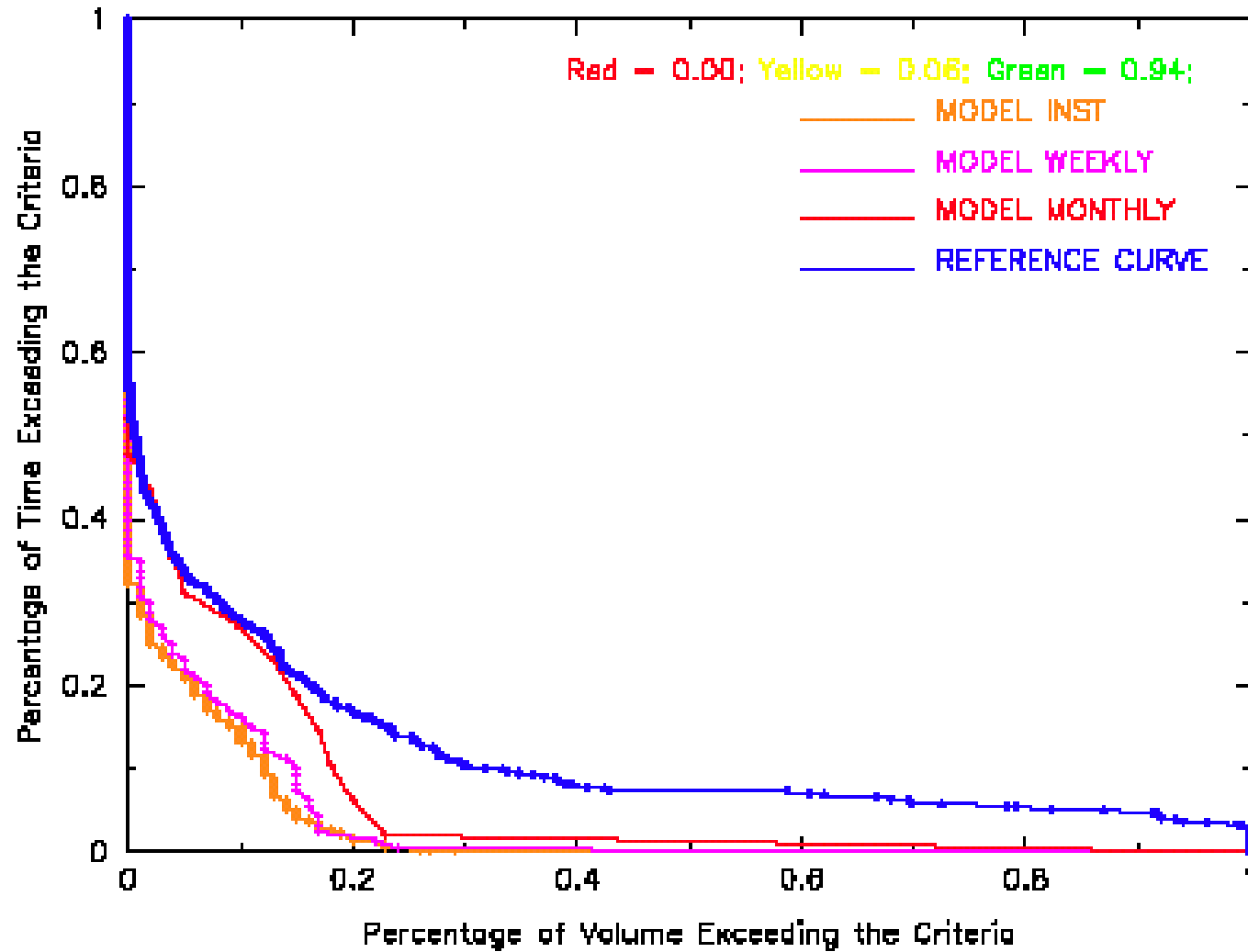
OPEN WATER (JUNE–SEPT)





TMDL Scenario Run

OPEN WATER (OCT–JAN)





Possible TMDL Scenario Run

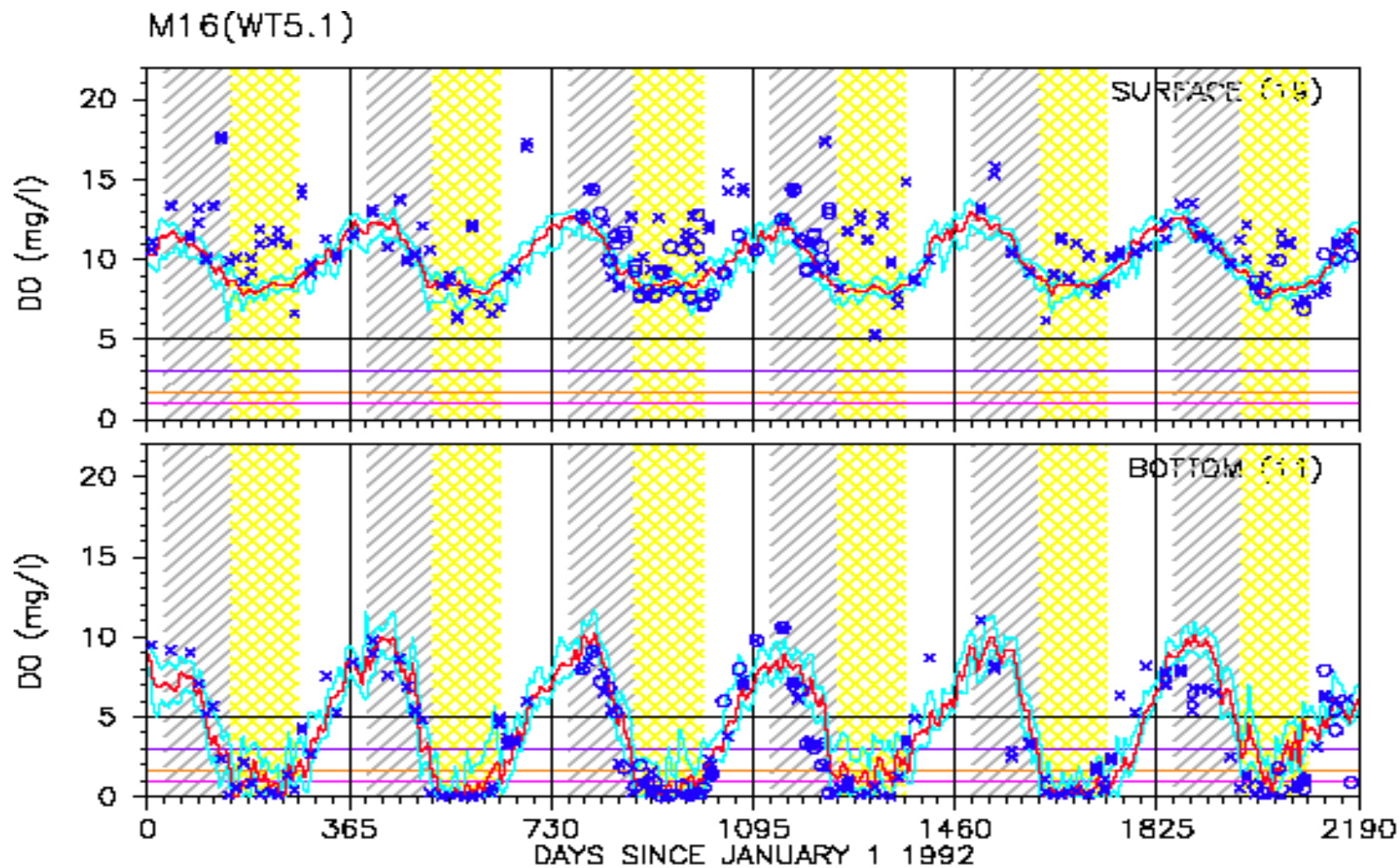
DEEP CHANNEL VIOLATION:

- Fort McHenry Channel
- Curtis Bay and Curtis Creek Channel
- Ferry Bar Channel
- Inner Harbor Basin



TMDL Scenario Run

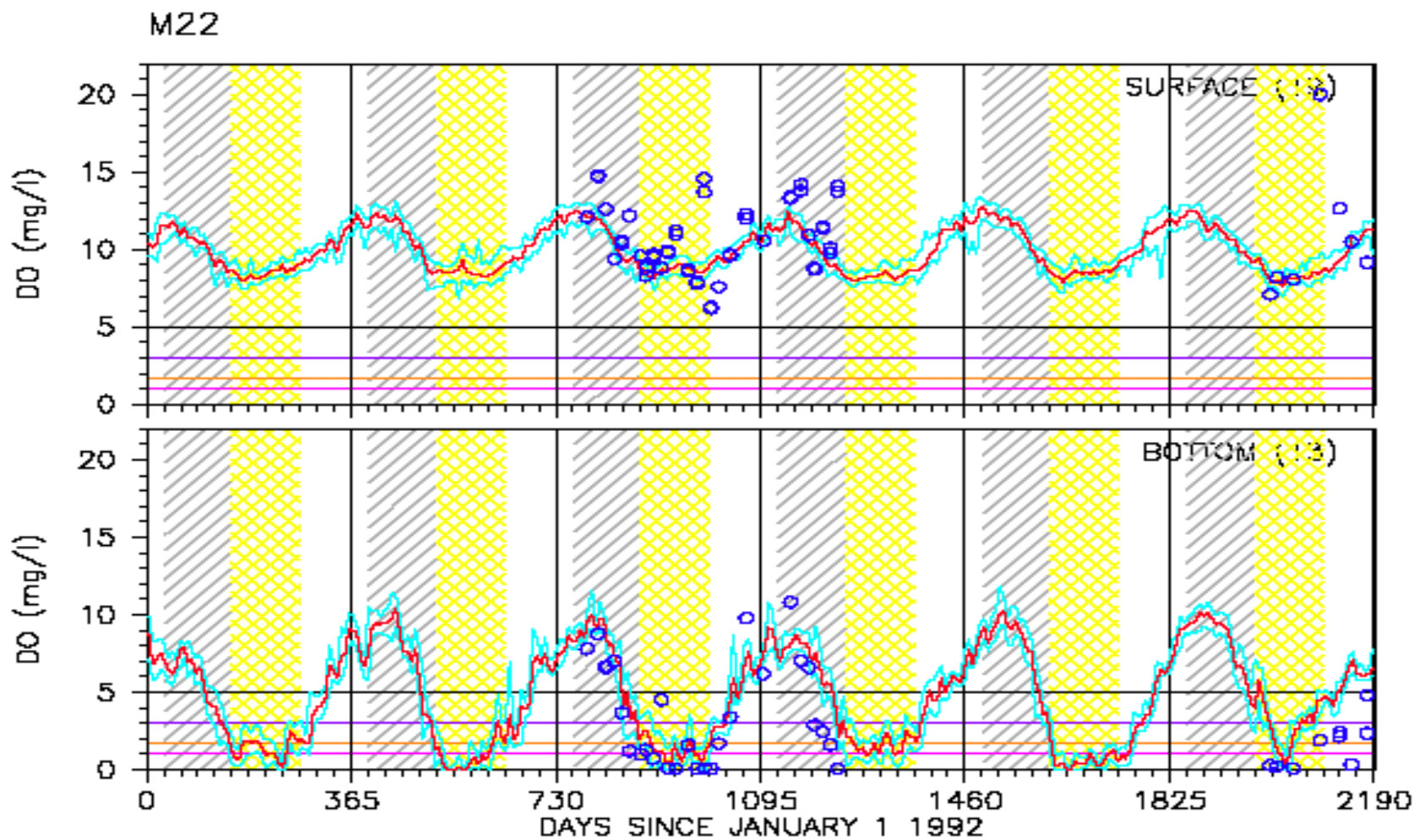
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Channel





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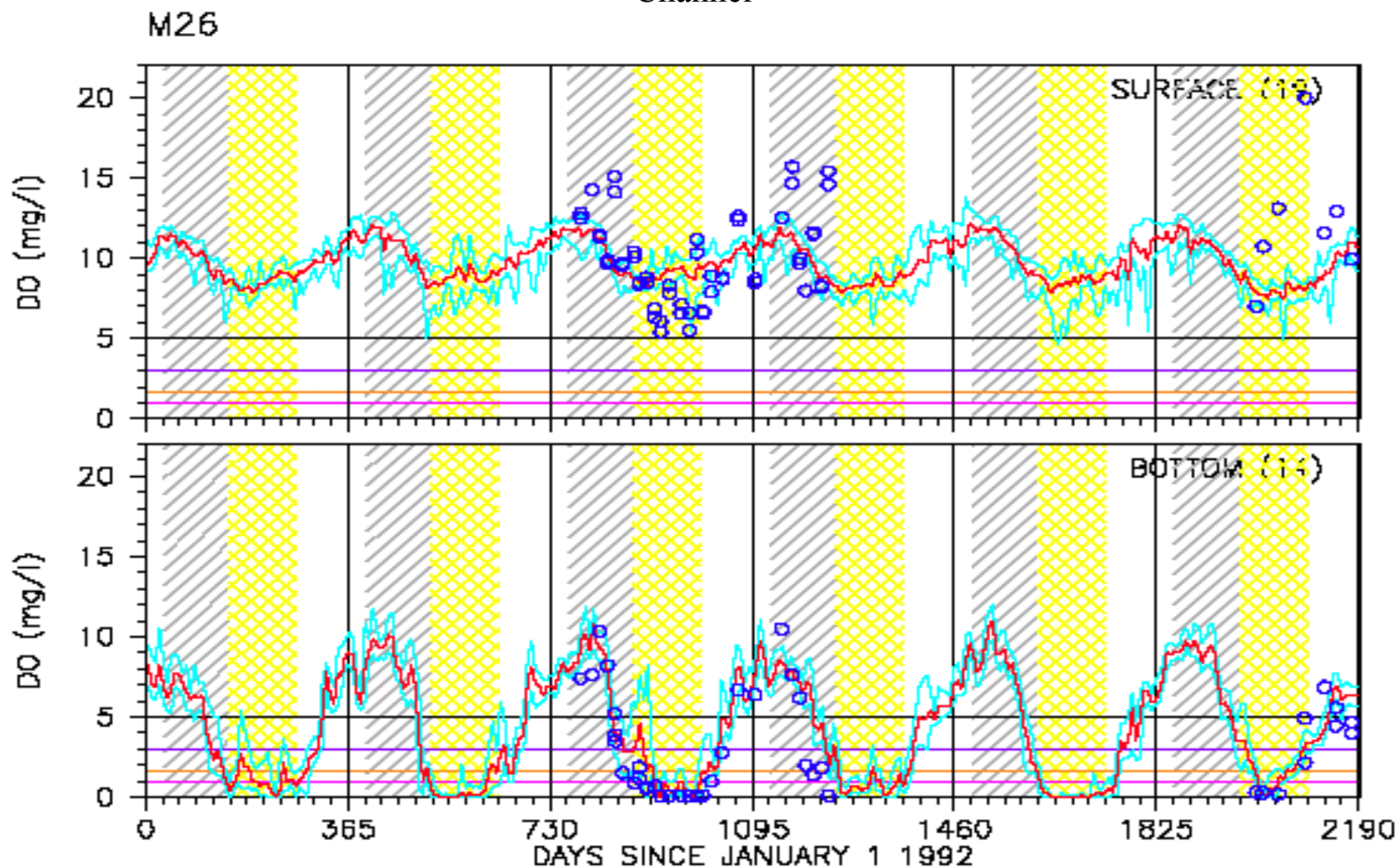
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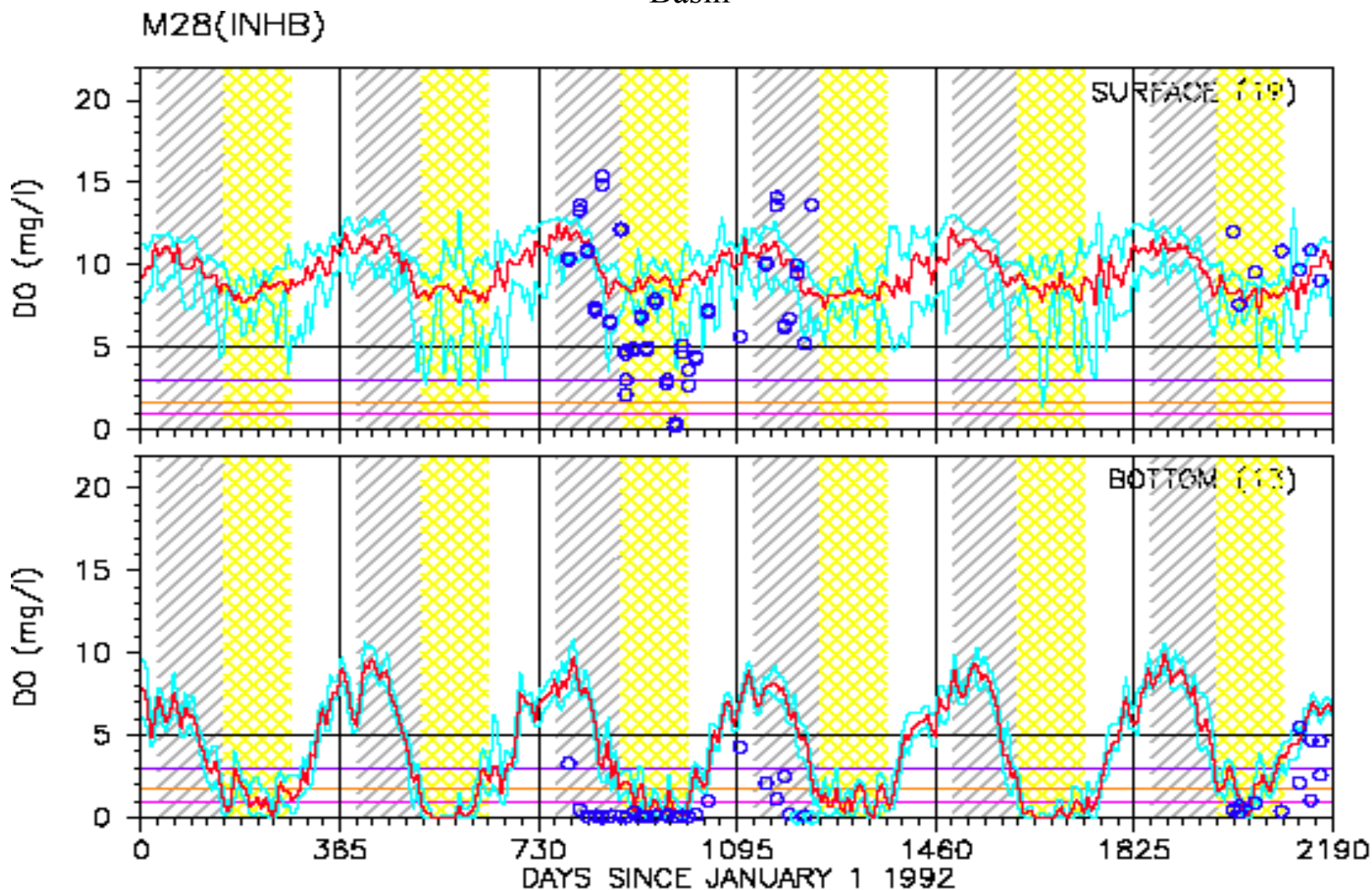
Ferry Bar
Channel





TMDL Scenario Run

Inner Harbor
Basin





Summary

Baltimore Harbor Possible TMDL Scenario Run

- **Water Quality**

- **Chlorophyll *a*:**

- below the goal of 50 ug/l in all stations

- **DO**

- **Migratory Fish (February - May): DO above 5 mg/L**
 - **Open Water (October - January): DO above 3 mg/L**
 - **Deep Water (June - September)**
 - 7 % above Biological Reference Curve (3 mg/L)
 - 2 % above Biological Reference Curve (2 mg/L)
 - 1 % above Biological Reference Curve (1.5 mg/L)
 - **Deep Channel (June - September): DO < 1 mg/L, 79% of time.**

LOADINGS				
	PS TN	PS TP	NPS TN	NPS TP
SCENARIO	(lb/day)	(lb/day)	(lb/day)	(lb/day)
TMDL	6,651	575	4,172	232



BALTIMORE HARBOR SCENARIO RESULTS DO ATTAINMENT CHECK

	PERCENTAGE NONATTAINMENT				
SCENARIO	DEEP WATER (JUNE - SEPT.)	DEEP CHANNEL (JUNE - SEPT.)	OPEN WATER (JUNE - SEPT.)	MIGRATORY FISH (FEB. - MAY)	OPEN WATER (OCT. - JAN.)
MDE CALIBRATION	22	97	1	4	1
CBP ALLOCATION	8	80	0	0	0
MDE POSSIBLE TMDL	7 (3mg/L) 4 (2.5mg/L) 2 (2mg/L) 1 (1.5mg/L) 0 (1mg/L)	79	0	0	0



Proposed DO endpoints for Baltimore Harbor Nutrient TMDLs

- **Deep Water:** Conduct Use Attainability Analysis to determine the appropriate use
- **Deep Channel:** Department pursuing the Modification of Designated Use
 - Propose changing Deep Channel to Navigation Channel
 - Rationale – Harbor channel constantly changing due to dredging and infilling – no stable long-term benthic habitat
 - EPA CBP and MDE currently working on language

Deep Water Cont'd

- Important Thresholds
- The Virginian Province document recommends **2.3 mg/l** as the threshold above which long-term, continuous exposures should not cause lethal conditions for juvenile and adult fish and shellfish (U.S. EPA 2000).
- Bay anchovy larvae are found throughout the water column when bottom oxygen concentrations are above **2 mg/l** (Keister et al. 2000).
- MacGregor and Houde (1996) found that most bay anchovy eggs were distributed in water above the pycnocline when below pycnocline waters had dissolved oxygen concentrations of **< 2 mg/l**

Deep Channel Cont'd

- Rationale – Harbor channel constantly changing due to dredging and infilling – no stable long-term benthic habitat
 - dredging may initially result in the complete removal of animals from the excavation site
 - where the channel or berth has been subjected to continual maintenance dredging over many years, it is unlikely that well-developed benthic communities will occur in or around the area.
 - it is therefore unlikely that their loss as a result of regular maintenance dredging will significantly effect the ecology of the Area of Concern.
 - A review of dredging works in the Chesapeake Bay showed that rates of recovery of benthic communities following dredging in mud and sand habitat averaged 18 months (Nedwell & Elliot 1998; Newell, Seiderer & Hitchcock 1998),



Load Comparison

- CBP Alloaction
- Draft Tributary Strategy
- Possible MDE TMDL



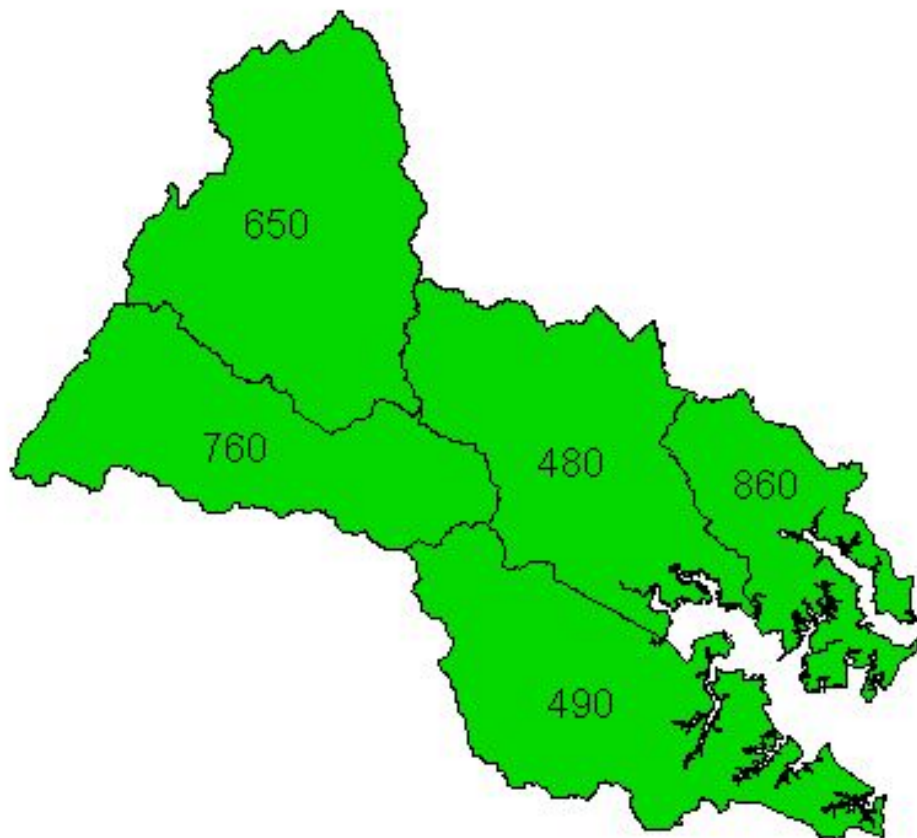
NON POINT SOURCES BASELINE AND REDUCED LOADS COMPARISON

CBP Calibration		≠	MDE Calibration	
NPS TN 3.50	NPS TP 0.45		NPS TN 2.50	NPS TP 0.15
33% reduction ↓	33% reduction ↓		33% reduction ↓	33% reduction ↓
CBP Allocation			Possible MDE TMDL	
NPS TN 2.34	NPS TP 0.30		NPS TN 1.68	NPS TP 0.10

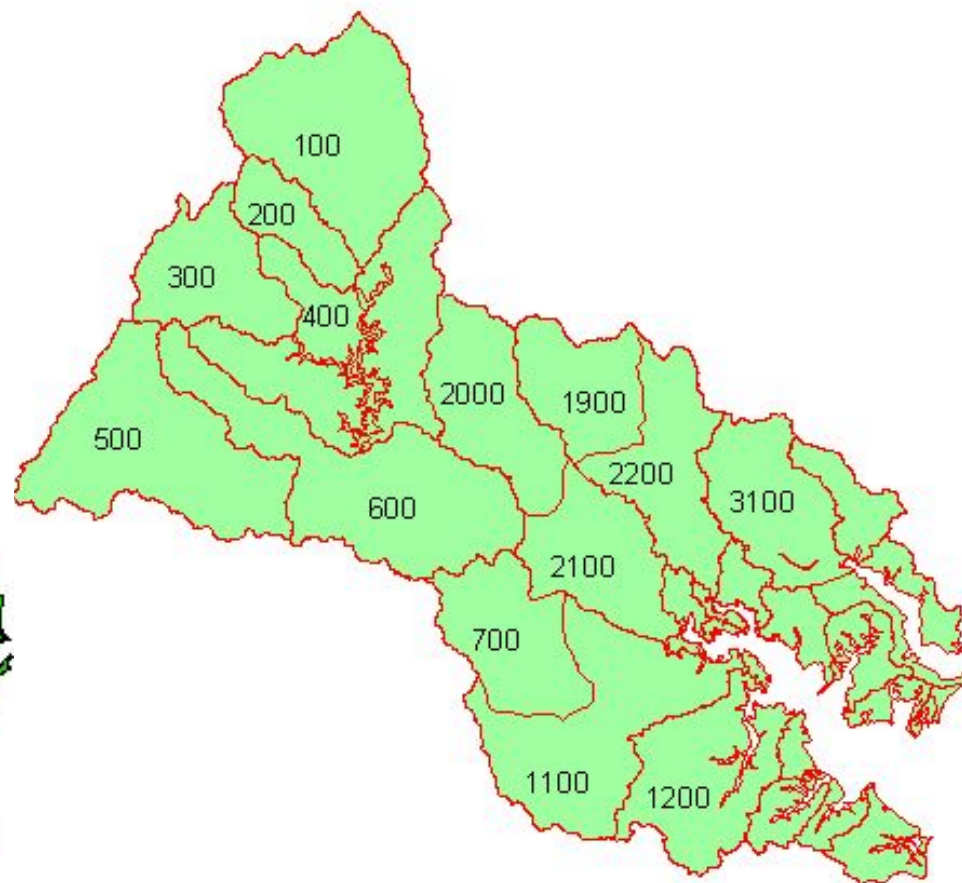


Why the baseline NPS loads are different?

CBP SEGMENTS



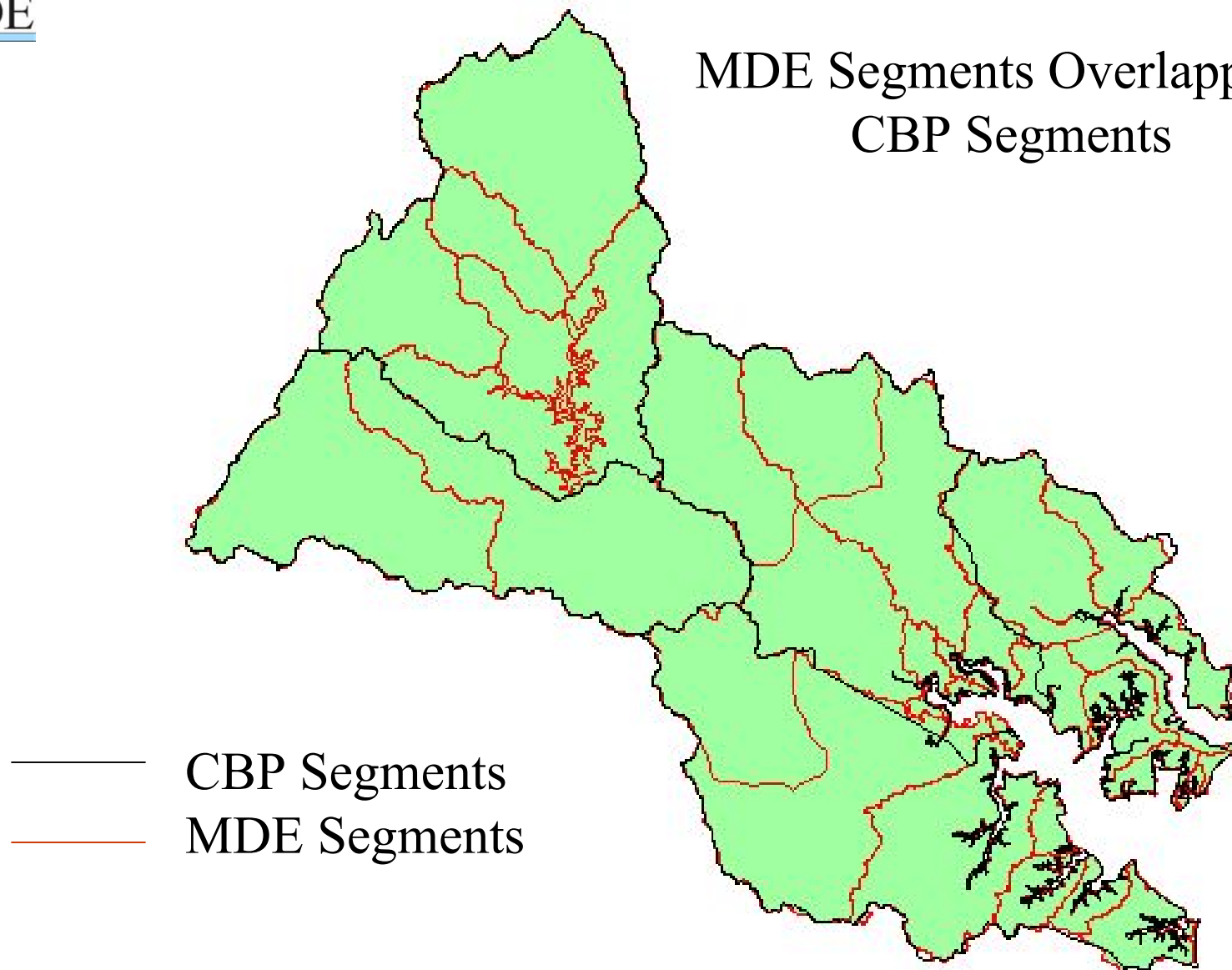
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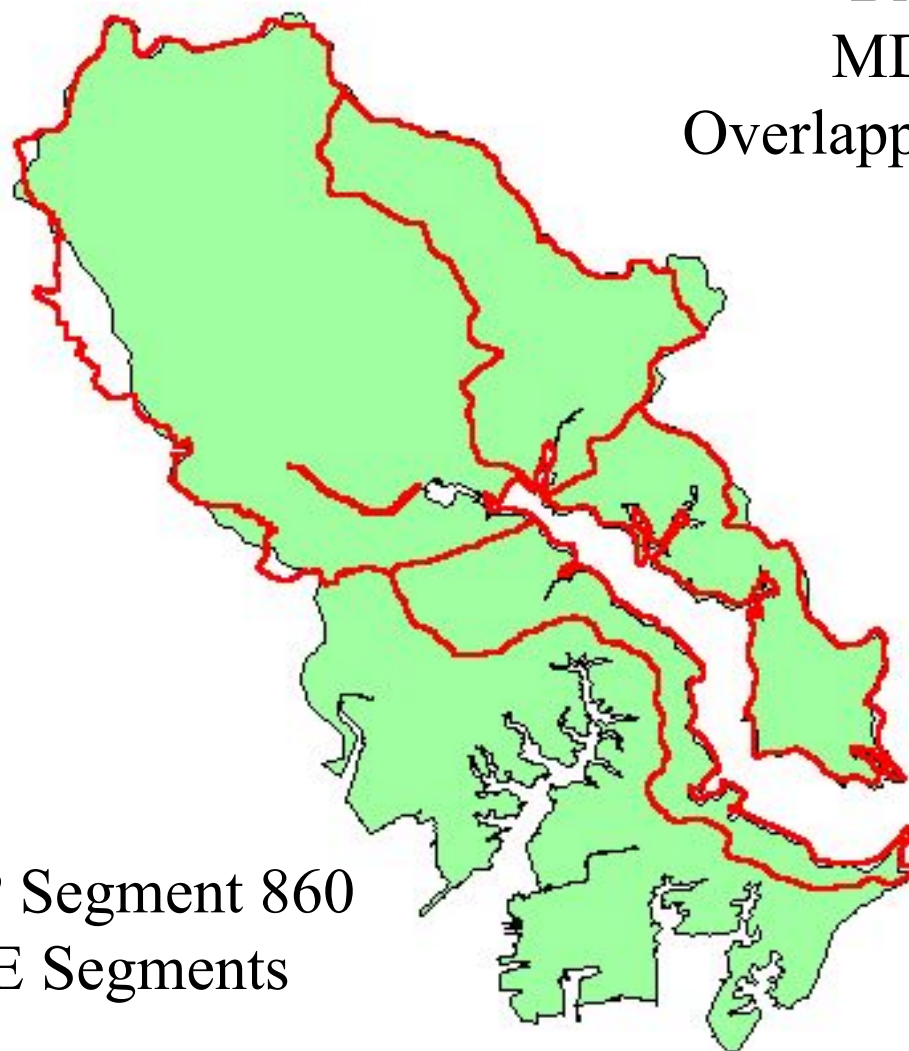
MDE Segments Overlapping
CBP Segments





Why the baseline NPS loads are different?

BACK RIVER
MDE Segments
Overlapping CBP Segments

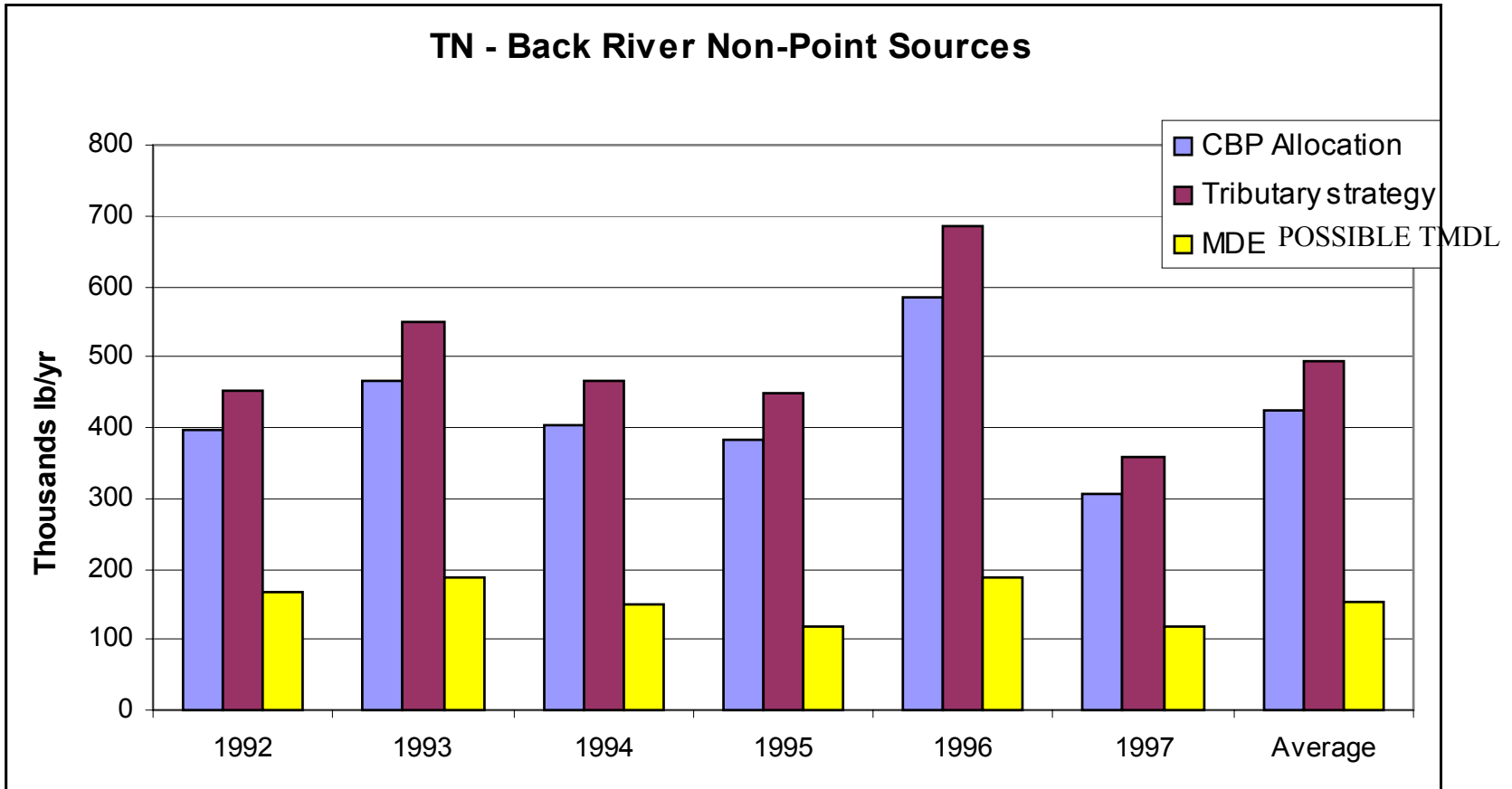


—— CBP Segment 860
—— MDE Segments



Back River Non-point Source Comparison

TN

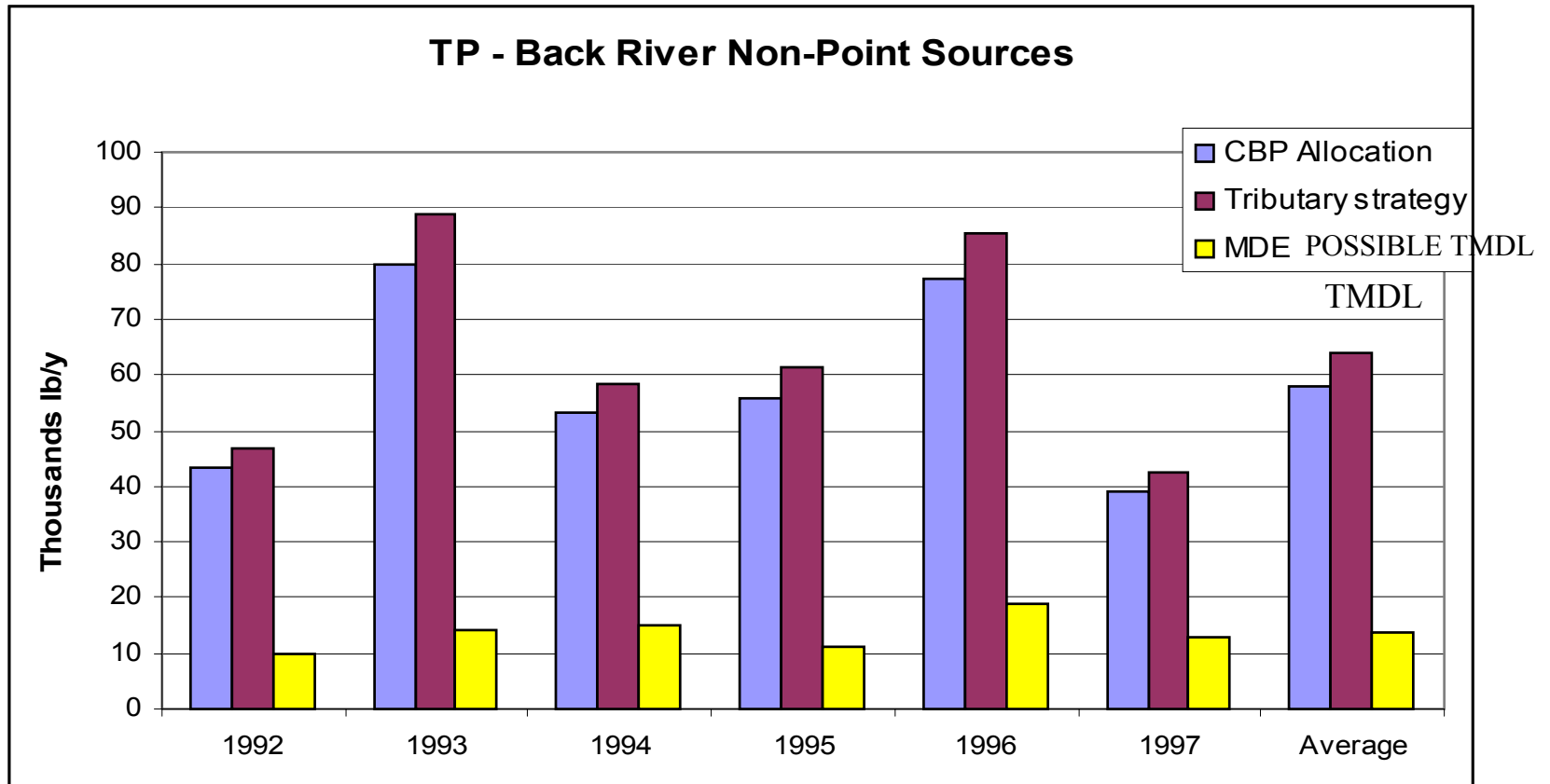


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NPS baseline loads are different for MDE's possible TMDL and CBP allocation or Tributary Strategy model runs



Back River Non-point Source Comparison TP

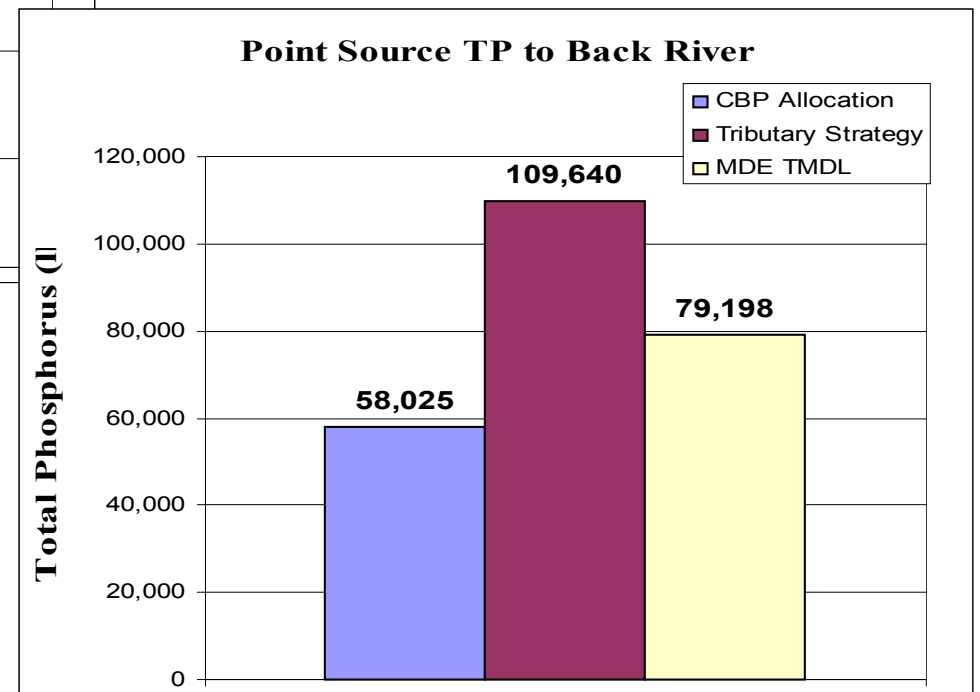
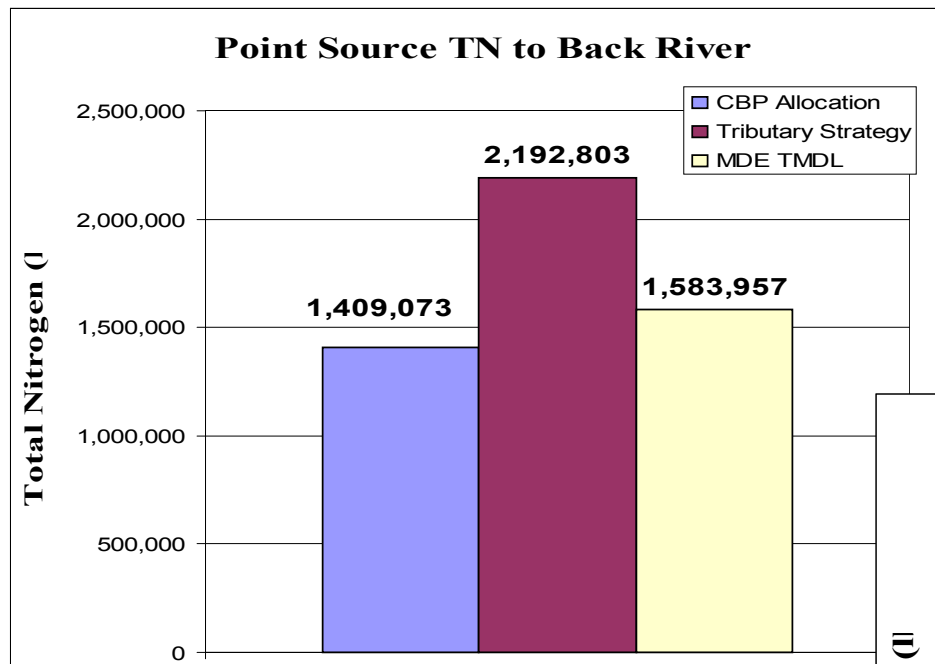


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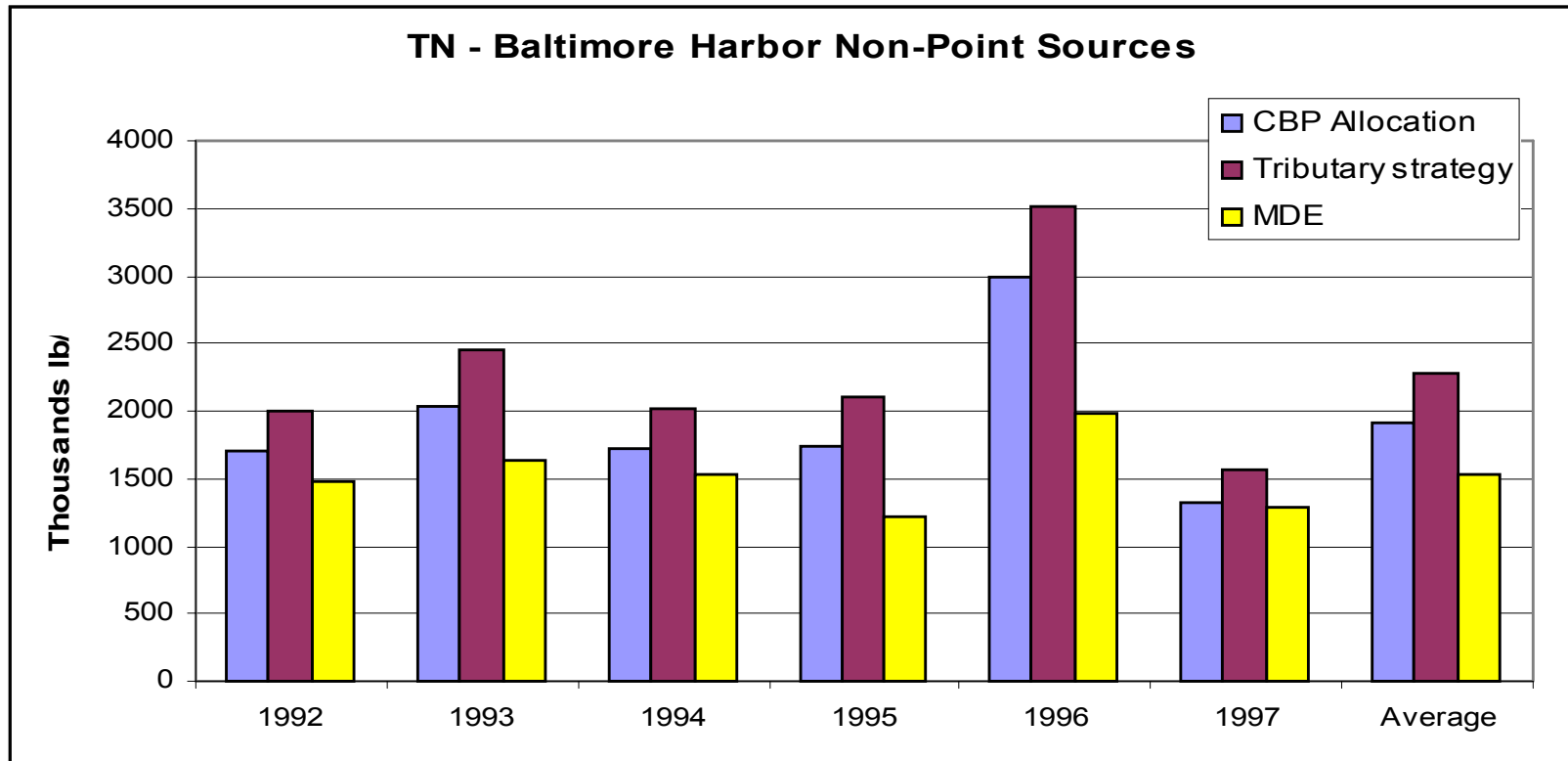
Back River Point Source Comparison



BACK RIVER WWTP FLOW
MDE POSSIBLE TMDL RUN - 130 MGD
CBP ALLOCATION &
TRIB STRATEGY - 180 MGD



Baltimore Harbor Non-point Source Comparison TN

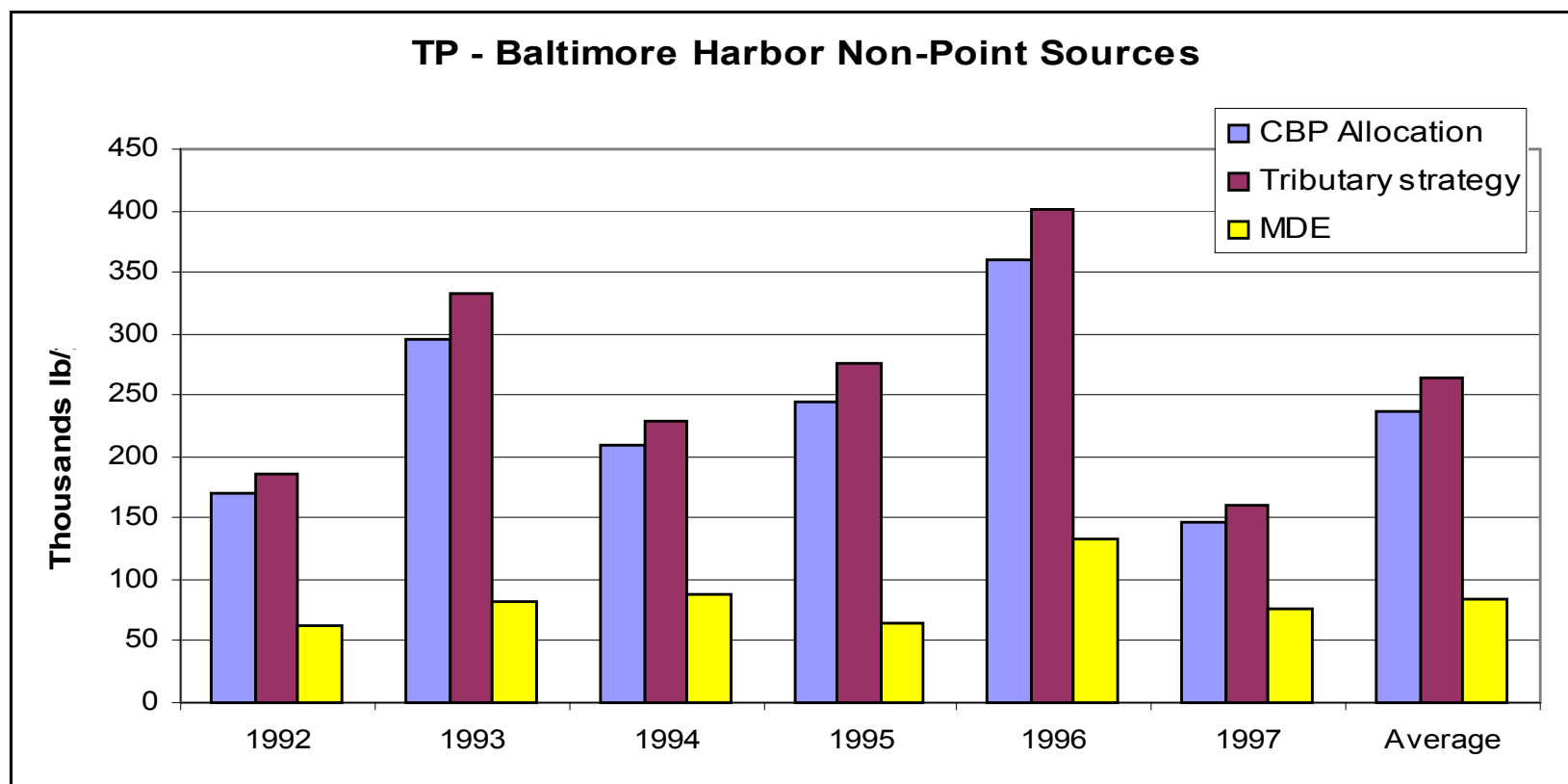


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Baltimore Harbor Non-point Source Comparison TP

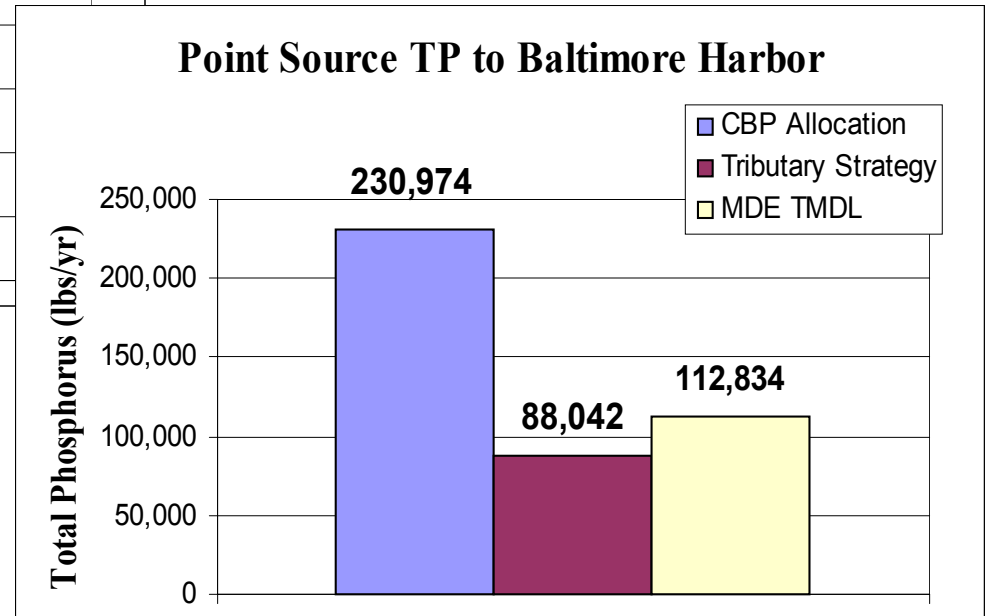
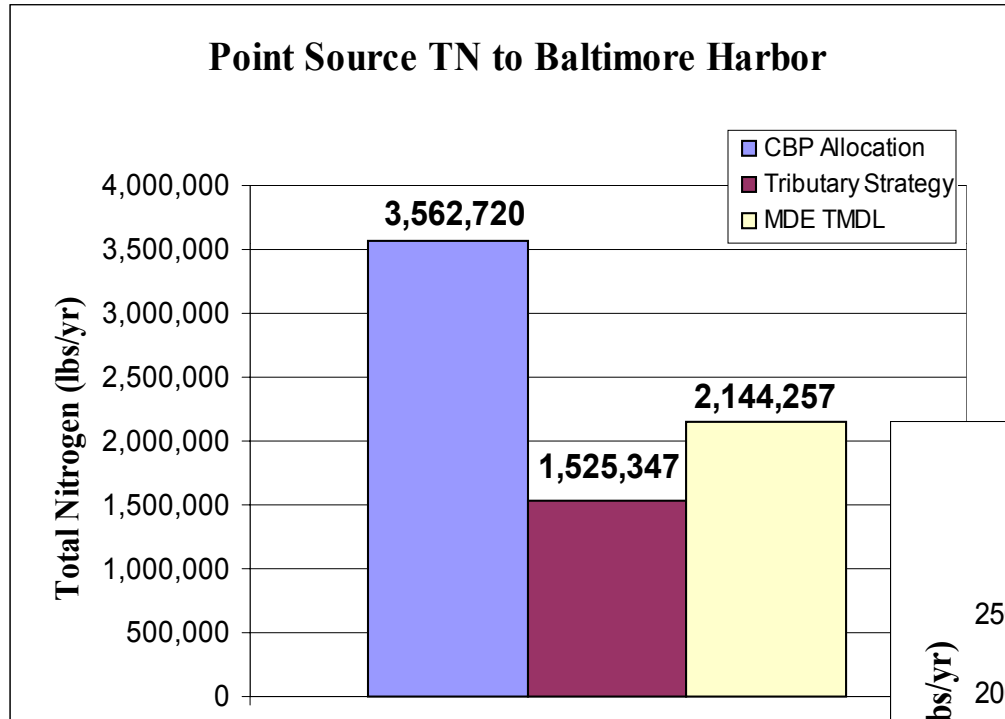


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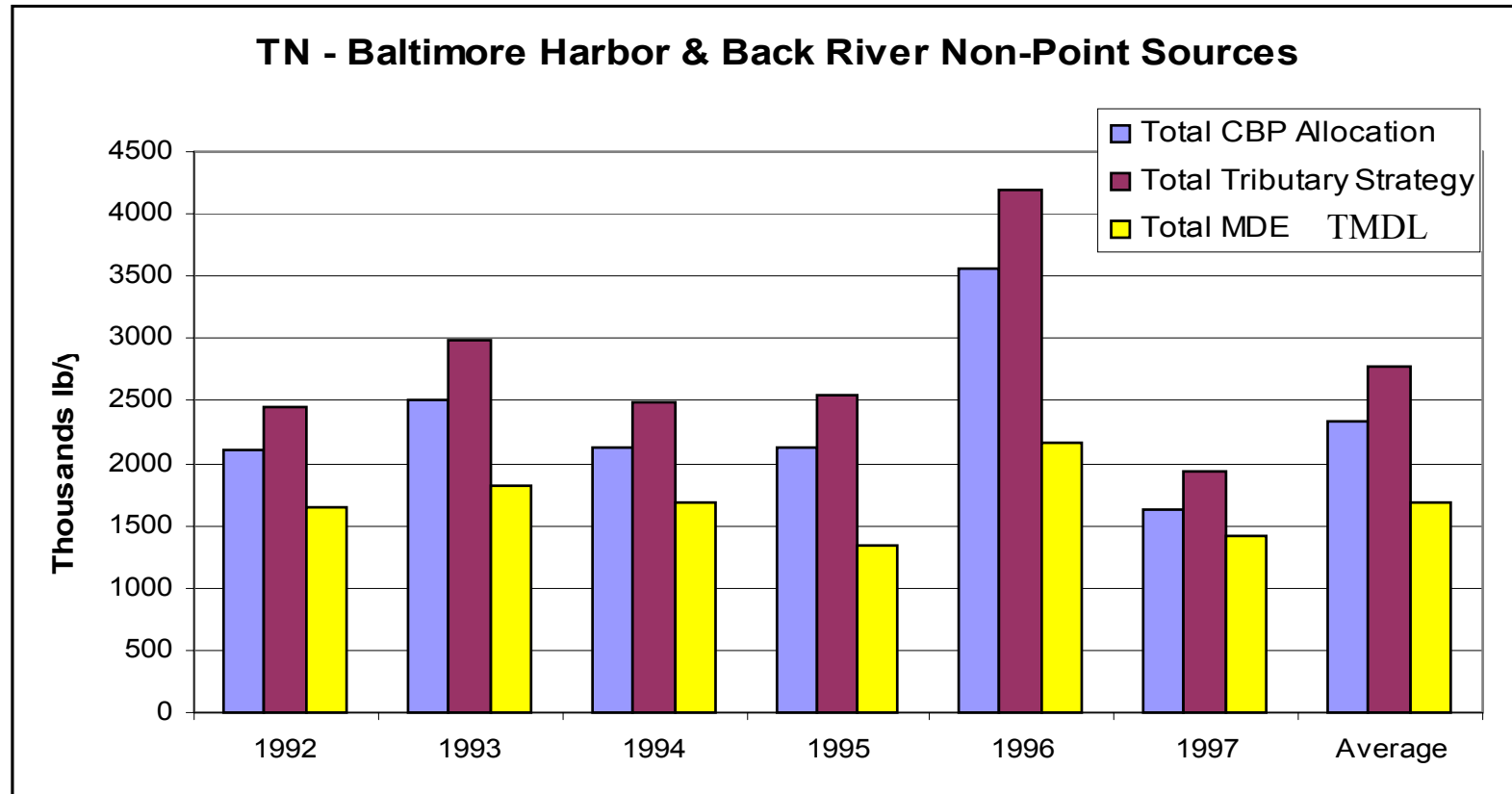
BETH STEEL OUTFALL FLOW
MDE POSSIBLE TMDL RUN - 50 MGD
CBP ALLOCATION &
TRIB STRATEGY - 0 MGD



OVERALL LOADING COMPARISON



Patapsco and Back River Non-point source comparison

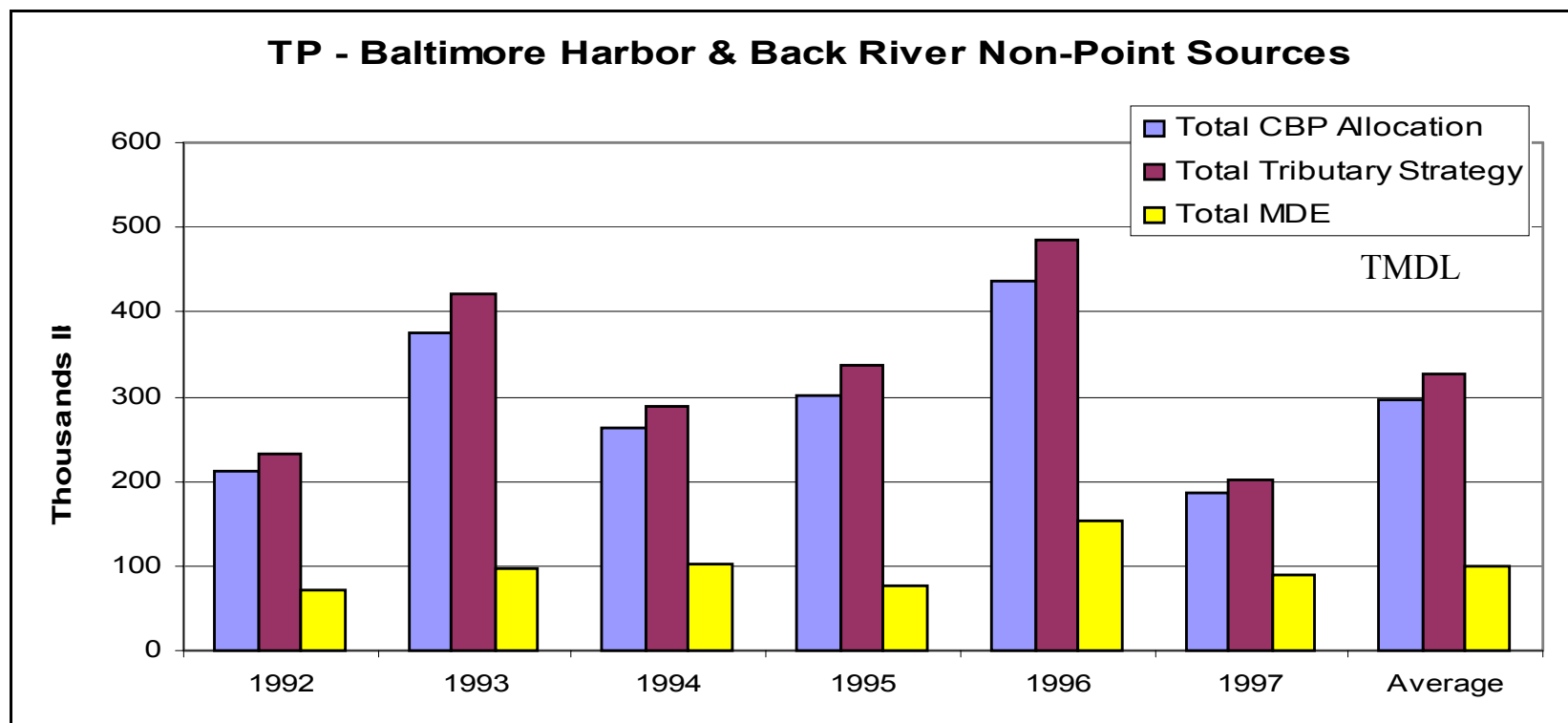


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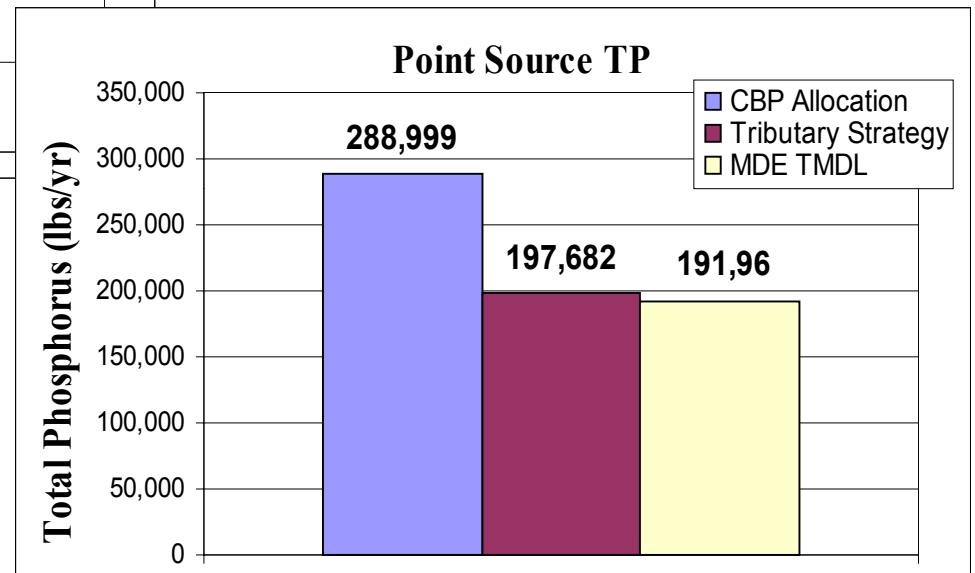
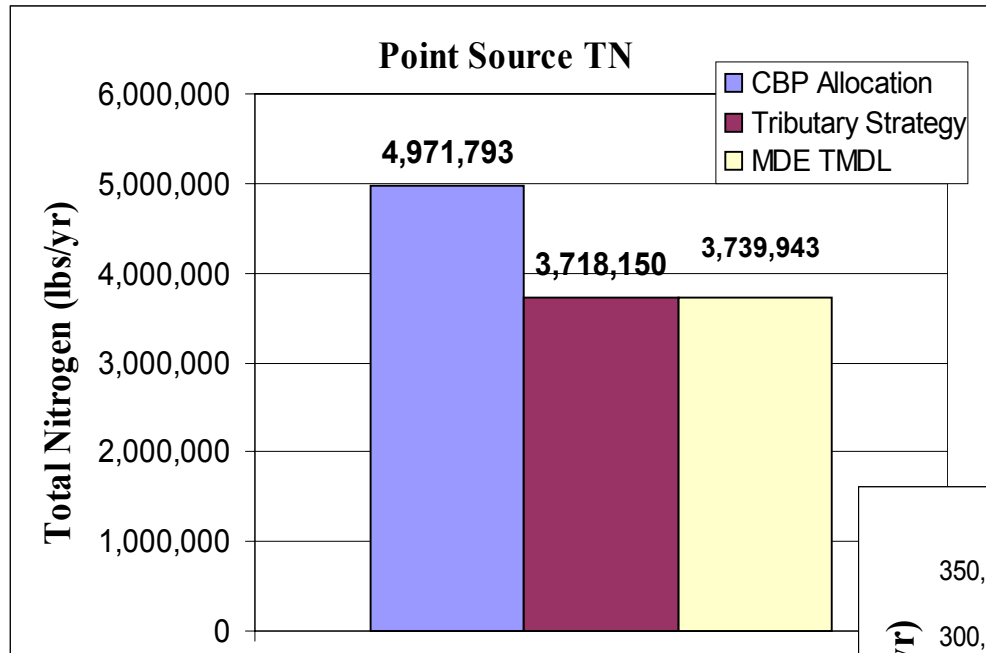


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Patapsco and Back River point source comparison





POINT SOURCES COMPARISON

		TRIBUTARY STRATEGY (from CBP)					CBP ALLOCATION						
FACILITY	NPDES	FLOW (MGD)	TN (mg/l)	TP (mg/l)	TN Delivered Load (lbs/yr)	TP Delivered Load (lbs/yr)	FLOW (MGD)	TN (mg/l)	TP (mg/l)	TN Delivered Load (lbs/yr)	TP Delivered Load (lbs/yr)		
BACK RIVER	MD0021555	180.000	4	0.2	2,192,803	109,640	88.0	5	0.2	1,409,073	58,025		
BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPOR	MD0001201	0.000	4	0.3	0	0	-110.0	-5	-0.25	1,772,784	87,894		
PATAPSCO	MD0021601	73.000	4	0.3	889,304	66,698	73.0	5	0.5	1,172,523	120,711		
COX CREEK	MD0021661	15.000	4	0.3	182,734	13,705	12.3	5	0.5	197,492	20,331		
W R GRACE	MD0000311	4.065	25.1	0.146	310,737	1,809				327,744	1,964		
ERACHEM COMILOG	MD0001775	0.128	223	0.03	87,006	12				91,768	13		
			Sub-Total=>		3,662,583	191,864		Sub-Total=>		4,971,383	288,940		
CONGOLEUM	MD0001384	0.263	5	0.2	0	0							
FREEDOM DISTRICT	MD0021512	3.500	4	0.3	35,715	3,169							
GAITHER MANOR	MD0022845	0.025	18	3	1,126	222							
HOLIDAY MOBILE ESTATES	MD0053082	0.114	18	3	6,231	1,039							
MOUNT AIRY	MD0022527	0.950	4	0.3	9,694	860							
PHEASANT RIDGE	MD0024546	0.027	18	3	1,246	246							
SOUTH CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL	MD0024589	0.007	18	3	320	63							
ST TIMOTHY SCHOOL	MD0056103	0.006	18	3	346	58							
VILLA JULIE COLLEGE	MD0066001	0.008	18	3	435	72	0.013	10.18	1.41	410	59		
WOODSTOCK TRAINING CENTER	MD0023906	0.010	18	3	454	89							
		Sub-Total =>				55,567	5,819	Sub-Total =>				410	59
US GYPSUM 002A	MD0001457												
US GYPSUM 002													
MILLENNIUM SPECIALTY 002A	MD0001279												
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EASTERN STAINLESS	MD0000981												
Baltimore Harbor					1,525,347	88,042	3,562,720				230,974		
	Total Tributary Strategy =>				3,718,150	197,682	TOTAL CBP=>				4,971,793	288,999	



POINT SOURCES COMPARISON

		TRIBUTARY STRATEGY (from CBP)					MDE POSSIBLE TMDL scenario					
FACILITY	NPDES	FLOW (MGD)	TN (mg/l)	TP (mg/l)	TN Delivered Load (lbs/yr)	TP Delivered Load (lbs/yr)	FLOW (MGD)	TN (mg/l)	TP (mg/l)	TN Delivered Load (lbs/yr)	TP Delivered Load (lbs/yr)	
BACK RIVER	MD0021555	180.000	4	0.2	2,192,803	109,640	130	4	0.2	1,583,957	79,198	
BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION SPARROWS POINT	MD0001204	1000	4	0.3	0	0	50	4	0.2	609,214	30,461	
PATAPSCO	MD0021601	73.000	4	0.3	889,304	66,698	73	4	0.3	889,453	66,709	
COX CREEK	MD0021661	15.000	4	0.3	182,734	13,705	15	4	0.3	182,764	13,707	
W R GRACE	MD0000311	4.065	25.1	0.146	310,737	1,809	4.066	29.4704	0.146	365,000	1,809	
ERACHEM COMILOG	MD0001775	0.128	223	0.03	87,006	12	0.128	223	0.03	87,006	12	
			Sub-Total=>		3,662,583	191,864			Sub-Total=>		3,717,394	191,896
CONGOLEUM	MD0001384	0.263	5	0.2	0	0						
FREEDOM DISTRICT	MD0021512	3.500	4	0.3	35,715	3,169						
GAITHER MANOR	MD0022845	0.025	18	3	1,126	227						
HOLIDAY MOBILE ESTATES	MD0053082	0.114	18	3	6,231	1,039						
MOUNT AIRY	MD0022527	0.950	4	0.3	9,694	860						
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VILLA JULIE COLLEGE	MD0066001	0.008	18	3	435	72						
WOODSTOCK TRAINING CENTER	MD0023906	0.010	18	3	454	89						
		Sub-Total =>			55,567	5,819						
US GYPSUM 002A	MD0001457						0.007	18	3	384	64	
US GYPSUM 002							0.016	0	0	0	0	
MILLENIUM SPECIALTY 001	MD0001279						0.080	35.58	0	8,670	0	
MILLENIUM SPECIALTY 002A							0.545	8.126	0	13,495	0	
EASTERN STAINLESS	MD0000981						0.237	0	0	0	0	
									Sub-total =>		22,549	64
Baltimore Harbor					1,525,347	88,042				2,155,986	112,762	
	Total Tributary Strategy =>				3,718,150	197,682	Total Possible TMDL =>				3,739,943	191,960



OVERALL LOADING COMPARISON (million pounds per year)

	CBP Calibration	CBP Allocation	Draft Strategy		MDE Calibration	MDE Possible TMDL
PS TN	10.59	4.97	3.72		10.59	3.73
PS TP	0.39	0.29	0.20		0.39	0.19
NPS TN	3.50	2.34	2.76		2.50	1.68
NPS TP	0.45	0.30	0.33		0.15	0.10
Total TN	14.09	7.32	6.47		13.10	5.41
Total TP	0.85	0.58	0.53		0.54	0.29

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